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NEWS DIGEST

Mary Kom wins 5th World boxing crown

Indian boxer M C Mary Kom scripted history on Saturday by claiming her fifth successive World Championship, beating Steluta Duta of Romania 16-6, in the 48-kg category final in Bridgetown, Barbados. **Earlier report, P 30**

J&K protests claim over 100 in three months

With three more persons being killed by security forces in Kashmir on Saturday, the toll from three months of street protests has touched 102. **P 9**

Now, accreditation row hits C'wealth Games

The Commonwealth Games has run into yet another controversy, with the organizers mixing up accreditations, denying even senior officials access to venues and areas under their jurisdictions. **P 29**

Rao takes up visa fee hike with US: Foreign secretary Nirupama Rao has raised India's concerns over the US decision on outsourcing and the hike in the H-1B visa fee during her meeting with US secretary of state Hillary Clinton and other government officials. **P 13**

Lee-Hesh keep Indian chances alive: Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi combined again to keep India in the hunt in the Davis Cup World Group play-off against Brazil with a 6-4, 7-6, 6-1 victory in the doubles match on Saturday. **P 30**

4 minors in Delhi rape case: The shocking rape and sodomy of three Delhi siblings by their school van driver and his friends have revealed a tale of drugs, blackmail and threats by the accused, four of them minors. **P 11**

'New airport at proposed site': Civil aviation minister Praful Patel on Saturday asserted that the Navi Mumbai airport, which has hit environmental hurdles, would come up at the proposed site.

PF windfall only for a yr? The 9.5% interest rate on provident fund may only be for a year. According to EPFO officials, the additional amount needed to pay the enhanced interest could result in the rate coming down to 8.5% next year. **P 11**

Pope sorry for "shame": In his most strongly-worded public apology in the UK, the Pope on Saturday said sorry for the "unspeakable crimes" of priests on kids and the "shame and humiliation" it had caused the Church. **P 19**

If you can dream it, you can do it.

Read how Indians across the country are using their hobby to create awareness or raise funds for a cause they care about. **P 6**



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The rising: Shots boost hair growth

Malathy Iyer | TNN

Mumbai: It's a hair-raising claim. Hyderabad-based doctor couple Debraj Shome and Rinky Kapoor claims that their home-grown invention, QR 678, could arrest the most stubborn cases of hairfall. Balding could be a thing of the past, says Dr Kapoor, a dermatologist attached to Apollo Hospital.

According to the duo, their invention called QR 678 entailed four years of research as it went through various stages of development in the laboratories of Tata Memorial Hospital, IIT-Bombay and Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad. "If there is no research paper on it yet," says Dr Shome, "it is only because we have still not patented the molecule, which is basically a mix of many growth factors."

The doctors' 700-odd patient pool, each of whom has undergone five to eight shots of Rs 5,000 each, has generated much word-of-mouth publicity for the new technique. Indipop singer Anaida

'Evidence' against 5 ex-CJIs in SC

Ex-Law Minister's Advocate-Son Files Corruption Dossier

Dhananjay Mahapatra | TNN

New Delhi: Facing contempt proceedings for terminating half of the last 16 or 17 former Chief Justices of India as corrupt, advocate Prashant Bhushan has submitted to the Supreme Court 'evidence' against five of them but stressed that he regarded present CJI S H Kapadia to be a judge of financial integrity.

The 'evidence' relates to five former CJIs and ranges from suspicious judgments, building of houses in eco-sensitive zones, taking plots directly or indirectly from litigants whose cases they were deciding and blatantly giving favourable orders to a particular industrial house.

Most of the 'evidence' appeared

MAKING A CASE

Advocate Prashant Bhushan (left) provides 'evidence' based on suspicious judgments of the five ex-CJIs, building of houses in eco-sensitive zones, taking plots from litigants and giving favourable orders to a particular industrial house

The 'evidence' appears to be inferences drawn from judgments, their wordings and their timings. He also mentioned the 'evidence' submitted with draft impeachment notices against two of the judges

Bhushan says a judge is corrupt if he did something ignoring a palpable conflict of interest, a clear hint at present CJI S H Kapadia hearing a case on Sterlite Industries despite holding shares in the Vedanta Group. But he adds that he regards Kapadia as a judge of financial integrity

Shanti Bhushan submits list of 16 ex-CJIs to SC. Says 8 were "definitely corrupt", 6 "definitely honest" and "definite opinion can't be expressed about other 2"

to be inferences drawn from judgments, the manner in which they were worded and their timings.

Bhushan has also backed up his charge by mentioning the 'evidence' submitted along with draft im-

Pak players at it again? ICC probes 3rd ODI vs England

TNN & AGENCIES

London/Karachi: It does seem like the global focus on the spot-fixing scandal is not enough to deter either Pakistan's cricketers or bookies from continuing with their cosy arrangement of deciding the patterns of matches for profit. New evidence that emerged on Saturday shows that the rot runs deep, that spot-fixing might be continuing unabated and that the feeble efforts of the game's administrators are not enough to unsettle this deeply entrenched nexus.

Following Friday's third one-day international against England, a shocking possibility has emerged that more Pakistani players, apart



CONTROVERSY CONTINUES: Pakistan skipper Shahid Afridi's run out in the match has raised eyebrows

from the recently suspended trio of Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Aamer, could have links with illegal bookmakers.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has launched another probe, this time after suspicions that parts of the victorious Pakistan's scoring patterns in the match had been pre-decided between the players and bookies. British tabloid The Sun said it had come across conversations between Dubai and Delhi-based bookies who appeared to know details of the scoring patterns of "at least" two overs during Pakistan's innings, details of which it passed on to the ICC.

► Kingpin at centre of probe, P 28

On cards: Stents that deliver drug & dissolve in body

Kounteya Sinha | TNN

New Delhi: Imagine a stent which, once implanted, will not only deliver drug for more than two months, widen blocked or narrow heart arteries in six months, but also completely dissolve in the body within two years!

India is part of a 100-institute, final-stage global trial of the world's first completely biodegradable drug-delivering stent, which is set to eventually replace metal ones.

Five institutes—Escorts Heart Research Institute (Delhi), Apollo (Chennai), Care Hospital (Hyderabad), Madras Medical Mission and SAL Hospital (Ahmedabad)—will use these biodegradable stents on cardiac patients suffering from multiple blockages. The outcome will be studied for a year, and the progress of the patients monitored for the next two years.

Dr Ashok Seth, chairman of Escorts Heart Research Institute, who is the principal investigator in India for the trial, told TOI, "Over 100 institutes from 30 countries are involved in the trial. The drug controller general has just approved the trial, which we plan to start in two weeks. Treatment of blocked or narrow arteries started with balloon angioplasty, which evolved into bare metal stents, followed by the present-day drug-eluting metal stents."

► A revolutionary tech, says expert, P 13

Bombay HC judge shifted to Patna, quits

Swati Deshpande | TNN

Mumbai: In a rare instance, a permanent judge of the Bombay high court, Justice R S Mohite, tendered his resignation this week, following his transfer to the Patna high court. In his one-page letter, faxed to the President, he is said to have stated his objection to an immediate transfer to another state. The recent transfers of HC judges were done by the CJI in "public interest".

Fifty-three-year-old Justice Mohite, described as a man with keen legal acumen, was one of the youngest lawyers to be elevated—he was sworn in as a judge of the Bombay high court in 2001 at the age of 43. A Mumbai-based lawyer earlier, he founded a charitable trust known as the Legal Aid Society of Bombay, to which his early years were devoted.

TOI tried to contact the judge but failed. His lawyer brother, too, declined comment.

► Bro practises at HC, P 6

BYE-BYE HAIR TRANSPLANT?



SINGER ANAIDA says she was miserable after noting massive hairfall. She began taking QR 678 shots three months ago and is happy with the 'extra volume'. "I took the first shot in Singapore when I was told that the drug was imported from Hyderabad."

is only one of the celebs from Mumbai who zips across to Charminar city every three weeks for a shot.

Haircare is big business in India. Plastic surgeon Dr S Keswani feels hair transplant is the fastest growing sector; second only to liposuction, in India's cosmetic

surgery charts. Not surprisingly then, any new promise of hairfall control or growth is lapped up. Apart from the QR 678, doctors now also offer stem cell therapy to rescue one's crowning glory.

► QR 678 research began in Kharghar, P 7

25,000 parking slots bonanza for Mumbai

Most Lots Coming Up In Mill Land At Parel, LBS Marg

Clara Lewis | TNN

Mumbai: The parking space hunt for vehicle owners in the city is set to ease a bit. Mumbai is poised to get more than 25,000 additional parking slots in the form of multi-storey lots, with most of the proposals concentrated in the island city's mill land area of Lower Parel.

In the eastern suburbs, the projects are mostly on the arterial Lal Bahadur Shastri (LBS) Marg running from Kurla to Mulund.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's scheme of providing extra Floor Space Index (FSI) in return for constructing and handing over public parking lots has received a tremendous response, particularly from developers in these areas. In the past 18 months, since the scheme came into force, the BMC has received 65 proposals for multi-storey parking lots, of which 20 have been cleared by the state government. Only one has been rejected and the remaining proposals are pending at various stages of approval. If one has to talk numbers, 39,579 parking spaces have been recommended, of

which 63% or 25,000 have already been approved.

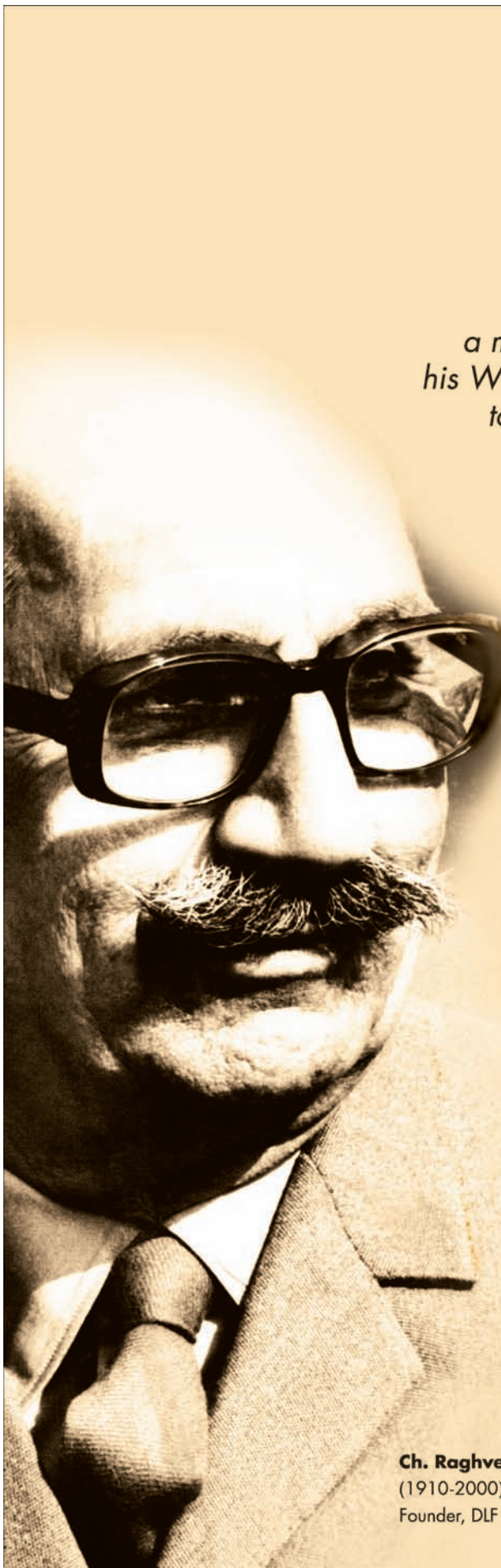
For the island city, the BMC received 39 proposals covering 28,538 parking spaces, 85% of which have already been approved. Over 50% of these are concentrated in Lower Parel (see box).


BUMPER DRAW

City	Parking Spaces Recommended	Spaces approved
Island City	28,538	24,166
More than 50% of the parking spaces are in Lower Parel		
Eastern Suburbs	7,377	137
Nearly all the parking spaces are under consideration. Bulk of the proposals are on LBS Marg between Ghatkopar and Mulund		
Western Suburbs	3,664	697
A third of the proposals are in Goregaon (E)		

It's worth noting that it's the eastern, not the western, suburbs that are witnessing a 'parking boom'. Already, the civic body has received 13 proposals, of which nine are on LBS Marg between Ghatkopar and Mulund. The proposals cover 7,377 parking spaces and are nearly all under consideration. The 13 proposals received in the western suburbs cover 3,664 parking spaces, nearly a third of which are from Goregaon East.

► Limited benefit, P 2





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‘Concentration of parking hubs will not benefit all of Mumbai’

BMC’s Offering Of FSI For Parking Lots Caters To Rich, Say Sceptics

The area between Byculla and Dadar, including Lower Parel, and the LBS Marg, running from Kurla to Mulund, was once home to mill workers. In the last five years, though, these neighbourhoods have undergone a transformation to become one of the most sought after residential addresses in the city. Many officials and developers are lauding the BMC’s scheme

offering FSI in exchange for parking lots, saying it could not have come at a more opportune time. But there are an equal number of sceptics who are wondering whether this concentration of parking lots will benefit the whole city. “The scheme has become an FSI ‘outlet’. Does the city need such a concentration of parking hubs in a single area?,” asked senior civic officials who are concerned that many of the lots may be misused. The scepticism is not unfounded given the high stakes. For instance, in the mill areas, the allowed FSI is 4. The BMC also allows other concessions such as open space, flower beds, toilet ducts, et al. These, along with the parking lot incentive, can take the FSI to as high as 9 or 10. “The high

price the mill land commands is because developers are assured of a huge FSI that ensures profiteering,” said a civic official on condition of anonymity. In the suburbs, the allowed FSI is 1, and with Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) it can go up to a maximum of 2. But once gain, with the various concessions and a parking lot, the actual FSI can be as high as 5 or 6, said sources. Assem Gupta, additional municipal commissioner in charge of roads, said the proposals are first vetted by the joint commissioner (traffic) and then put up before the high-power committee for approval. The committee is headed by Gupta; other members include the traffic commissioner, transport head, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) member, etc. “Whenever a proposal is submitted, a traffic study is carried out,” said Gupta, adding that the traffic police have also offered to undertake an independent study on the requirements of parking lots in various parts of the city. There are still a few wrinkles to be ironed out, and it may take a while before Mumbaiers can actually benefit from the scheme. “The scheme was started around a year-and-a-half ago. Maybe the first parking lot will be handed over to the BMC in the next six months,” Gupta said. The BMC will then appoint a contractor to run the parking lot, while the developer is expected to pay for its maintenance for a decade. The civic body, however, has a very poor track record of maintaining various public amenities. Often the Building Proposal department merely takes an undertaking from the developer that the amenity will be handed over when the BMC demands it. The BMC has been known to suffer from amnesia and not make any efforts to take charge of the amenities. In the past, the Estates depart-



QUICK APPROVALS

- Proposals approved by the High Power Committee: 65
 - Proposals sent to the government for approval: 32
 - Proposals approved by the government: 20
 - Proposals rejected: 1
- Will 25,000 parking spaces suffice?**
The number of vehicles, especially cars and motorbikes, continues to grow at a fast rate. In 2009, nearly 85,000 new vehicles, including 25,000 four-wheelers and 60,000 two-wheelers, were registered in the city. The total number of vehicles registered stands at around 16.74 lakh.

ment did not take possession of flats meant for Project Affected People preferring to leave them in the custody of the builder. Ashok Datar, transport expert, said the parking hubs are being created in already congested areas and may add

to the problem rather than diminishing it. The added flats are for the high income group and each flat will have not less than two cars. They will consume a bulk of the public parking. “It is a losing proposition for the city,” he said.

Killer hubby’s notes gave him away: Cops

Bhiwandi Murder Accused Suffers From Short-Term Memory Loss

Nitin Yeshwantrao | TNN

Thane: The murder of a 34-year-old Bhiwandi housewife by her businessman husband on Wednesday is straight out of a Bollywood thriller, almost literally. Like the protagonist in Aamir Khan-starrer Ghajini, the husband, Pravin Bhandari, who is the main accused, suffers from short-term memory loss and he also has to jot down his plans for “quick reference”.

TOI was the first to report about the murder and the arrest of the husband as well as his associates in its Saturday edition.

In fact, it was this mental ailment that provided the Thane police clinching evidence against Bhandari and his associates Rashid Anees Pawle (30) and Nepali whom he had hired for the killing. The police stumbled upon a piece of paper, which had the minute details of the murder plan written on it by Bhandari for “quick reference”, and that helped them solve the case. “Bhandari is addicted to



REASON TO KILL: While a source said Pravin Bhandari killed his wife (in photo) as he suspected her of having an affair, some cops said his motive was to pocket her insurance cover

charas, cough syrup and pills. Due to long years of drug abuse, he often tends to forget things he had done just a while ago. So, to remind himself of his daily chores and important errands, he would write them down on a paper,” said deputy commissioner of police (crime) Datta Karale. However, the police are yet to confirm the motive behind the murder. A source said Bhandari suspected his wife, Chandra, of having an affair and so got her murdered to take revenge, while some police officials claimed that he killed his wife of 18 years to pocket Rs 2.5 crore insured in her name.

“We are trying to ascertain the motive. However, the notes by Bhandari speak for itself as he has written down blow-by-blow plan of the murder and how Pawle and Nepali should execute it. The notes also describe the colour of the shirts to be worn by the two aides at the time of the murder,” Karale told TOI. Initially, the police were fooled by Bhandari and his men into believing that robbery was the motive behind the murder. “But once we found the papers on which Bhandari had scribbled the details of the murder plan, we were left with no doubts,” Karale said.

TACKLING SPACE CRUNCH

DIVISION	PARKING SPACES RECOMMENDED	PARKING SPACES APPROVED
In the ISLAND CITY, 28,538 parking spaces have been recommended. 21,466 have been approved		
Lower Parel	11,317	12,765
Mahim	5,502	4,872
Byculla	3,824	2,578
Parel Sewri	2,983	1,245
Tardeo	2,579	1,860
Malabar Hill	864	Pending
Worli	846	846
Matunga	276	Pending
Mazgaon	215	Pending
Girgaon	132	Pending
In the EASTERN SUBURBS, 7,377 parking spaces have been recommended, and 137 have been approved		
Nahur	2,123	Pending
Kanjur	1,535	Pending
Mulund	1,443	137
Ghatkopar	1,101	Pending
Vikhroli	890	Pending
Sakinaka	174	Pending
Kirol	111	Pending
In the WESTERN SUBURBS, 3,664 parking spaces have been recommended, 697 have been approved		
Pahadi	1,256	422
Marol	825	275
Oshiwara	515	Pending
Chincholi Bunder rd	492	Pending
Mogra	227	Pending
Magathane	151	Pending
Bandra	108	Pending
Goregaon	90	Pending

A family homing in on pigeons

Manthan K Mehta | TNN

Mumbai: Passersby outside Matunga station are greeted by the sight of thousands of pigeons fluttering about and swooping down to peck at the grain scattered around.

The kabutarkhana, which is being nurtured for 80 years by the generosity of a family whose fourth generation is still tending to the feathered friends, is a proof that the city that is always rushing ahead also stops to care for others.

Located on Bhandarkar Road, this structure was built in the memory of Jivraj Gokuldas Nensy Ashar (41), by his brothers, Moolraj and Jamnadas, in 1931. A social worker, Jivraj held the post of the municipal corporator for four years from 1924 to 1928. His nephew, Jaisinh Ashar, who is now 86 years old, said, “The fourth generation of the Ashars are still looking after the monument with unwavering dedication. A few years ago, we even installed a water cooler adjoining the spot, in memory of my mother Laxmibai.”

“Approximately 5,000 pigeons fly to the spot every day. Once every month, the birds are given oral vaccines to ensure their good health. Thanks to Lions Club of King’s Circle, a team of doctors from KEM Hospital visits the kabutarkhana every day in the morning to examine or treat injured and sick birds,” said Dharmaraj, Jaisinh’s son. “It’s not only us. Even my young daughter, who is 15 years old daughter, is also fond of this place and visits there often.” Lina Asher, another relative, said pigeons were not only fed there, but they were also given



HELP FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS: For 80 years, the kabutarkhana outside Matunga station is being nurtured by the generosity of the Asher family

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en a shelter. “A small space is also allocated inside this structure where ailing pigeons, which cannot fly properly, are provided refuge from cats and dogs,” she said. Her sister, Priti Desai, said more than 400 kg chana and jowar is bought for birdfeed.

The family went to a great length to set up the shelter for birds. “My family bought the plot, measuring 600 sq feet, at the then prevailing market rate. After carrying out the civil work, they decided to set up a water fountain there and so they imported the device from Holland as it not available in India at that time,” Jaisinh said.

The kabutarkhana has weathered many a storm in the past. Jaisinh said,

“Some years ago, the BMC had planned to reduce the size of the kabutarkhana to widen the road. However, their proposal was met with stiff opposition from people of the area and the civic officials were forced to drop their plans.” The kabutarkhana premises also has a century-old Cross, which the BMC had tried to remove two years ago. “Residents of the area again put their foot down. We even dug out the old records of the structure and citing them, the Cross was saved.”

Jaisinh said, “In the late 1920s, Jivraj defied the British rule and travelled in a first-class compartment of a suburban train, which used to be reserved exclusively for the whites. He was arrested and that created a hue and cry; following this, the magistrate asked the government to rescind the rule.”

Delegates submit peace memo to top cop

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: A group of Muslim activists submitted a memorandum to director-general of police D Sivanandhan on Saturday, urging him to keep the law-and-order machinery on high alert after the verdict on the Babri Mosque dispute is pronounced on September 24.

The delegates, under the banner of Ekta Welfare Association, submitted a list of suggestions including stepping-up of police bandobast in “sensitive areas” across Maharashtra. They proposed that mohalla committees, which have played a significant role in preventing communal clashes and maintaining peace in the city, should be asked to take to the streets.

The activists also requested deployment of police personnel outside mosques, temples and dargahs, to prevent hooligans from desecrating them. “Ensuring safety for citizens is the duty of the state. We requested the DGP to make sure that trouble-makers should not be up to any mischief,” said M A Khalid, a member.

City tones down noise level this Ganpati fest

Viju B | TNN

Mumbai: A survey has shown that the city has been a little bit quieter than last year during Ganpati, Eid and Bandra Fair.

Though some places did cross the limits of the prescribed sound level, the overall noise pollution in the city and the suburbs has gone down by a few notches. “This time, many Ganpati pandals did not use loudspeakers and the noise levels in Lalbaug, Sion and Dharavi were less than that last year,” said Sumaira Abdulali of Awaaz Foundation who measured the levels from September 11 to 17.

The permissible noise level during the day is 50 dB in silence zones and 55 dB in residential areas and at night it goes down to 40 dB and 45 dB.

The study showed on September 11, the noise level on Perry Cross Road in Bandra hit a high 120 decibel (Db) due to constant bursting of crackers. On September 16, areas near Mahim bus depot also registered a high level due to

SOUND RECORD		
Noise levels measured during Ganpati festival		
DATE	PLACE	LEVEL
Sept 11	Perry Cross Road, Bandra	120 dB
Sept 14	Dharavi (Silence Zone)	No loud speaker used
Sept 15	Bandra (W)	85 dB
Sept 16	Bandra (W)	88 dB
Sept 16	Mahim bus depot	90 dB
Sept 17	Bandra Fair	73-84 dB
Sept 17	Bandra Reclamation	87 dB-103 dB
Sept 17	Opp Sena HQ, Dadar	90 dB
Sept 17	L G Road, Dadar	89.2 dB
Sept 17	Supari Talao, Parel	93 dB
Sept 17	Lalbaugcha Raja	85 dB-100 dB

the same reason. “Loudspeakers kept blaring at Bandra Reclamation on September 17, taking the noise level to 87 dB. But in areas, like Lalbaug and Parel, there was less use of loudspeakers. Even many trucks ferrying idols were not fitted with loudspeakers. But at Lalbaugcha Raja, volunteers kept blowing whistles in order to control the crowd and that brought the decibel up to 85 dB to 100 dB,” she said.

According to activists, the noise pollution has reduced after the Bombay high court directed the state to demarcate silence zones. “This shows that the police can implement rules against noise and the state does not need to dilute the guidelines for silence zones. The idea is not to bring down the festive and religious fervour of various communities but to have healthier celebrations,” said Abdulali.

Youth’s death sparks concern over quacks

Sandhya Nair | TNN

Mumbai: A 22-year-old youth in Vasai died of dengue on Friday.

The death brought to the fore another menace plaguing the locality: quacks. The condition of the youth, Prathmesh Pawar, worsened as he was initially treated by an alleged quack.

DENGUE STING

Prathmesh, who stayed at Sambhaji Nagar in Vasai (E) came down with high fever on September 14. He visited a local doctor—allegedly a quack—who gave him medicines. However, the next day, his condition deteriorated following which he was admitted to a private hospital; from there, he was shifted

to Harkisandas hospital at Charni Road where he died.

As the news of his death reached Sambhaji Nagar, residents of the area gathered around Prathmesh’s house and created a ruckus, voicing their protest against quacks. According to them, the doctor who had attended the youth initially was identified as bogus by the civic administration but no action has been yet been taken against him. “His condition became worse after he had the medicine prescribed by the bogus doctor,” a Shiv Sena activist said.

Local MLA Vivek Pandit and other political leaders visited the area and assured the residents that action would be taken against quacks.

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3 flat buyers get justice after 7 years

Rebecca Samervel | TNN

Mumbai: In a city where flat buyers are often duped and bullied by developers and made to run from pillar to post to take possession of their homes, a recent consumer court order offers a ray of hope to scores of citizens who dream of owning a house in the metropolis.

Mumbai Suburban District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum recently ruled in favour of three buyers, seven years after a developer refused to give them their flats despite accepting advance payments from them.

The forum, while passing the order, cited provisions of Section 4 of Maharashtra Ownership Flat Act. "If a builder accepts money as ad-

Mahesh Benkar



vance payment or deposit which is less than 20% of the sale price, he is enjoined with the liability to enter into a written sale agreement," the forum held.

Holding the developer responsible for deficiency in service, the forum has now directed the flat buyers to take possession of their flats upon payment of the remaining amount to the developer at the rate prevalent in 2002-03 (Rs 1,970 per sq ft). Additionally, the forum has ordered the developer to pay Rs 5,000 to each of the buyers towards costs incurred by them.

The case dates back to 2002-2003. Sunita Salunkhe, Vinodh Ramesh and Vasumathi Krishnan, all residents of Nabard Nagar in Kandivli (east), made advance payments of Rs 65,000, Rs 65,000 and Rs 97,000 respectively to Sheth Developers Ltd

for a housing project in Kandivli. The trio even obtained receipts for the same. However, the developer failed to execute agreements in their favour. "On June 11, 2005, the developer sent cheques to the three with a message that their money was being refunded. On June 30, 2005, the buyers sent a letter to the developer that this unilateral payment was not acceptable to them," said advocate Uday Wawikar, counsel for the buyers. "A year later, the developer replied alleging that they had deposited money only for an upcoming project and had not booked a particular flat," said Wawikar.

The aggrieved trio then filed a complaint with the Mumbai Suburban District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum in 2007.

Contesting their complaint, the developer claimed that he had accepted the amount only as deposit. He alleged that the complainants expressed an interest in acquiring the flats despite being told that the building plan had not been sanctioned and requisite permissions had not been obtained. Pointing out that he hadn't even started accepting bookings, the developer alleged that the complainants insisted that he accept their money as deposits. Ultimately, he acceded to their request. The developer also submitted that since he had not received a commencement certificate from the BMC, he had refunded the money.

The forum, presided over by J L Deshpande and comprising members DS Bidnurkar and V G Joshi, pointed out that there were documents to show that even though the construction had not commenced, the developer had "invited interested flat purchasers to make payments at a particular rate of a particular sum towards earnest money to book a flat of a particular area". The forum also held that the developer had later admitted that the plans were indeed approved by the BMC.

AT THE LORD'S FEET

Shriram Vernekar



WITH FOLDED HANDS: Music composer and singer Shankar Mahadevan and actor Vidya Balan join the aarti at Lalbaugcha Raja as judges of the Times Utsav Moorti Sanman on Saturday

Munde's daughters stable, biker booked

Bella Jaisinghani | TNN

Mumbai: BJP leader Gopinath Munde's daughters, who were knocked down by a motorcyclist outside their apartment building on Friday night, are out of danger. However, the date of discharge is yet to be determined.

The culprit, 20-year-old collegian Shyamsunder Pilla, was arrested at site and later granted bail by Bhoiwada court on Saturday.

Both victims have been kept under observation in the intensive care unit at Bandra's Lilavati Hospital. Pankaja Munde-Palve (31), Munde's older daughter who is also a BJP MLA, suffered minor injuries while her younger sibling, Pritam Khade-Munde, 27, fractured her leg apart from suffering head injuries.

Around 11.30 pm Friday, the girls left their apartment in Purna building, Worli, and were walking towards the house of their cousin, BJP leader Poonam

Mahajan, who lives a few blocks away. "This young man, who was riding a bike, apparently lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into both of them," said Munde's spokesperson Amit Satam.

Uma Kadam



The spot in Worli where the accident took place late on Friday

"His wheel hit Pritam on the leg, throwing her onto the footpath where she hurt her head. Pankaja was bruised badly."

An official from Worli police station clarified that the biker was not drunk.

VIP Sai darshan racket busted

Mastermind In Delhi Uses Agents To Con Unsuspecting Devotees

Mateen Hafeez | TNN

Mumbai: After targeting unsuspecting citizens through email scams and get-rich-quick schemes, fraudsters have now trained their sights on devotees of Shirdi Sai Baba. Taking advantage of the fact that people willingly part with money to get a glimpse of the Baba, a group of racketeers has been milking gullible believers of money by promising them a lifetime of VIP darshan for just Rs 25,000. The group has appointed agents all over the country who approach prospective clients and collect cheques from them.

The D B Marg police on Saturday picked up one of the agents, a 19-year-old boy, who claimed to be an employee of the Shri Sai Baba Foundation. The foundation offers various schemes promising darshan in 15 minutes. The kingpin of the racket is based in Delhi.

The scam came to light after Sanjay Bediya (41), owner of a transport company, received a call on Saturday. The caller told Bediya that he could avail of lifetime darshan at the Shirdi shrine upon payment of Rs 25,000. When Bediya showed interest, the caller took down his office address



UNHOLY NEXUS: Prashant Pawar (in purple) was employed as an agent and was paid Rs 5,000 a month

RATE CARD	
Lifetime darshan	₹25,000
One-day VIP pass	₹500
VIP visit with 2 guests	₹5,000

and promised to send an executive, Prashant Pawar, to his office. Meanwhile, Bediya called up the Sai Baba Trust in Shirdi and spoke to an office bearer, Mohan Yadav, who informed him that the caller was a cheat. Yadav told Bediya that the tem-

ple authorities have received many complaints in the last couple of days. Yadav requested Bediya to lodge a police complaint and get the cheats arrested.

At 4 pm, Pawar walked into Bediya's office where this TOI correspondent was present along with the lensman. Pawar, a first year BCom student at a Thane college, was carrying a bagful of brochures detailing various darshan schemes ranging from Rs 2,000 to Rs 25,000. He promptly fished out a pamphlet and began talking about the schemes. "A VIP pass, which is valid for 24 hours, will cost you Rs 500," Pawar told Bediya. "By paying Rs 5,000, you can take two persons to the temple for darshan," he said.

Meanwhile, a cop from the D B Marg police station entered Bediya's office pretending to be an employee. When the cop quizzed Pawar about the foundation, he said, "I don't know much. I am paid Rs 5,000 a month and my job is to meet clients and collect cheques." Pawar's bag contained four cheques totalling Rs 1 lakh. He said his boss, Dilip Bagwani, has an office on Ghodbunder Road in Thane. Pawar named one Khetraj as his Delhi-based chief.

Court acquits key Shakeel aide

S Ahmed Ali | TNN

Mumbai: In a major blow to the Mumbai crime branch, the special Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) court on Saturday acquitted Chhota Shakeel henchman Anjum Fazlani, who was accused of threatening Salman Khan to reduce his remuneration for 2001 film *Chori Chori Chupke Chupke*. The film was financed by diamond merchant Bharat Shah allegedly at Shakeel's behest.

This is the second blow in this case as the court had earlier acquitted Shah's secretary Tarun Shah, who was accused of conniving with Shakeel to extort money from film personalities.

Fazlani, deported from Dubai in 2007 along with 10 other Shakeel aides in-



Anjum Fazlani was accused of threatening Salman Khan to reduce his fee for 'Chori Chori Chupke Chupke'

cluding the gangster's brother in-law Salim Fruit, was booked under the stringent MCOCA for conspiracy along with Shah, producer Nazim Rizvi and

Youth held with pirated CDs: A 20-year-old youth, who was selling pirated CDs, sustained minor injuries when he was chased by cops at Lokhandwala on Friday. Manoranjan Havaladar has been booked for piracy. TNN

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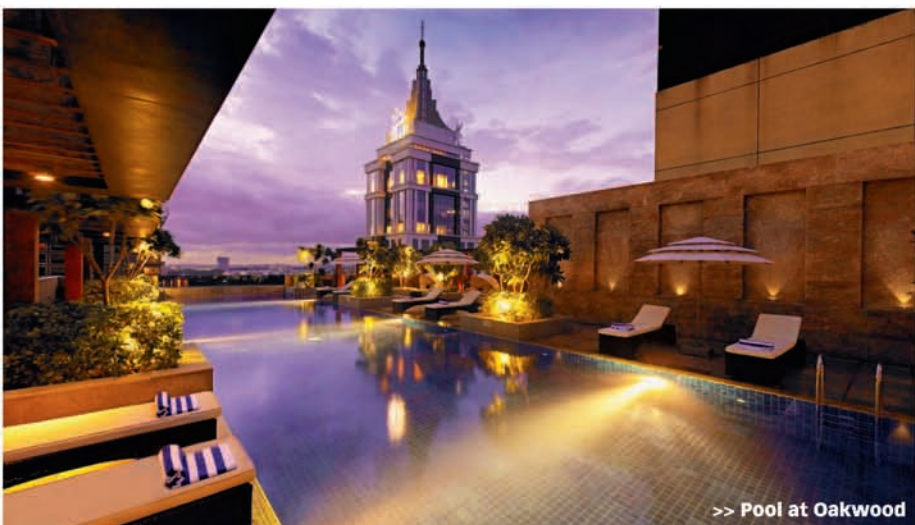
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>> Pool at Oakwood

OPTIMISATION AT ITS BEST

With commercial and residential usage comprising the two largest segments of real estate development, the logical next step was a combination, with a few more segments also added to it. **Kamlesh Pandya** explores the phenomenon of mixed-use development

Mixed-use development is not a new trend — a shopping section on the ground floor that enjoys road frontage, residential on the floors above and some commercial usage on the first floor is how the average Indian real estate development usually is. "In fact, this type of development was popular for a long time until it was replaced by what we now refer to as the 'suburban sprawl'. In the past decades, mixed-use development has seen a rise in popularity given the rising prices of land and concentration of population in urban areas," says Rezwan Razack, Joint Managing Director, Prestige Group.

"As more mixed-use developments emerge, it is clear that certain trends are becoming more prevalent within this type of project, including a 'back to basics' — a typical 'small-town' feel, renewed focus on 'walk to work and walk back home', and smart planning focusing on commute and communication," Razack adds.

Bengaluru leads the way In a city where one industry — Info Tech — largely determines real estate usage patterns, Bengaluru has witnessed a 'back to basics' in the form of resurgence in mixed-usage. In Nagpur, developer Atul Shiroadkar is working in a city where info tech is yet to dominate real estate usage patterns, and even here in Mumbai, the sentiment in regards to the mixed-use pattern is similar. "By in-

cluding residential, commercial and office space in a single structure or facility, mixed-use developments offer residents and tenants a modern version of small-town living. It is precisely for this reason that, in



cities like Nagpur, those who design such projects strive to create uniformity among the structures and often include a centre for community gathering, where residents and other users of real estate within the project can come together. This creates a sense of community in twin aspects — visually and practically — and allows peo-



>> Toscano at UB City

caught on more in the case of townships rather than stand-alone buildings," he adds.

The concept of walkability Nahar says the aspect of 'walkability' is not restricted just within the development or projects, but to walk and/or bike to the stores, homes, and businesses from other locations as well. "Society, as a whole, is working towards a greener, more sustainable lifestyle, and mixed-use developments offer a way to live those goals by avoiding the need to drive to work or to run errands. More and more mixed-use developments are created in central locations and include walking/biking paths," he adds. One of the greatest advantages of a mixed-used develop-

ment is that it offers an alternative to the 'suburban sprawl'. "Traditionally, suburbs are connected to a major urban centre by a single highway, creating inefficient roadways that cannot sustain such a great amount of traffic," explains Pankaj Kapoor, CMD of Real Estate Research

ple to get to know their neighbours and local businesses in a real way," adds Shiroadkar.

How about Mumbai? "In suburban Mumbai, among the new trends is the walk-to-work and walk-back-home setup," says Sukhraj Nahar of the

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Nahar Group. At his on-going project near Powai, Mumbai, Nahar offers work spaces, academic usage spaces, and medical-related usage, as also retail and entertainment. "It is not just walk to work and walk back home, it is also walk to school for your child, walk to the temple/ community centre for your grandparents and walk to the retail outlet for your spouse," he explains. "This trend gained popularity after NRIs started returning home and also local buyers who had visited foreign locations realised the plus points of mixed-use projects — although it has

and Analysis Agency, Lias Foras. "With mixed-use developments, entire communities can be planned with multiple routes to major destinations, allowing traffic to flow more smoothly even in peak hour traffic."

Big future ahead Mixed-use developments are very likely to become more popular in the coming years as they present a real solution to the problems faced by many urban areas. The ability to have a sense of community in a large city, to walk to the places that you visit frequently and to avoid heavily congested roadways make these developments popular to both residents and planners," says Kapoor.

Shiroadkar sums up the issue: "The trend now is not just to develop spaces dedicated to single-uses such as residential, commercial and retail, but the aim is to develop projects that encompass residential, commercial and retail facilities, which will create a sustainable and integrated mixed use community."

Making prime use of a said property is not only a science, but also an art. There aren't many developers who have this skill, but those who do, have managed to come up with some impressive 'mixed-use' formats that have not only earned them goodwill, but also moolah.

"In simple terms, a mixed-use development is where residential, commercial, retail and hospitality sectors work together," says Irfan Razack, Chairman and Managing Director, Prestige Group, adding that this format makes better use of any desirable area of land by allowing it to be used for more purposes. "In turn, the area stays in use for more hours of each day," he says. Noaman Razack, Promoter, Prestige Group, explains that the concept of having retail, entertainment, shopping and accommodation all under one roof helps diversify the tenant mix. "Each one lends itself to the other. For instance, the people who come and stay at Oakwood Premier Prestige at Bengaluru are from the multinational companies in UB City. The proximity and smart design allow people to live, work, and shop without the costs associated with

Law of Proximity

Mixed-use developments present a real solution to the space crunch problems and challenges of modern cities and suburbs, says **Meghana Kurup**



>> Oakwood Serviced Residences

travelling far for work, etc.," he states.

Given the fact that residential and office markets are witnessing rapid growth; a concept which is evolving of late is serviced residences as an offering within mixed-use developments. To that Lias Foras' Pankaj Kapoor avers, "Earlier, most made a beeline for five-star hotels, which didn't really work out

for long stays. Middle level expats could not cope up with the Indian scenario of leasing apartments, chasing bill payments and getting cars cleaned. Hence, serviced residences came into being, which offer comfort of a home with five star amenities, security and privacy."

Arjun Wallia, a businessman who frequently shuttles

between Mumbai and Bengaluru, states, "For people like me, who are constantly shuttling, and are looking for homes for a short duration like less than a week or up to six months, a serviced residence is a win-win solution."

But, that is not all. Another sector that's plays a vital role in a mixed-use setup is hospitality. These formats create a captive catchment for the retailers and other components such as restaurants. As Omer Bin Jung, CEO, Prestige Leisure Resorts Pvt Ltd, puts it: "In the hospitality segment, a mixed-use formula helps a lot, because if you have a standalone hotel, you need to do a lot of branding exercise, etc. At UB City, people from the offices come down for a coffee or lunch and then they bring their families for dinner. So, it's more exposure for the restaurants."

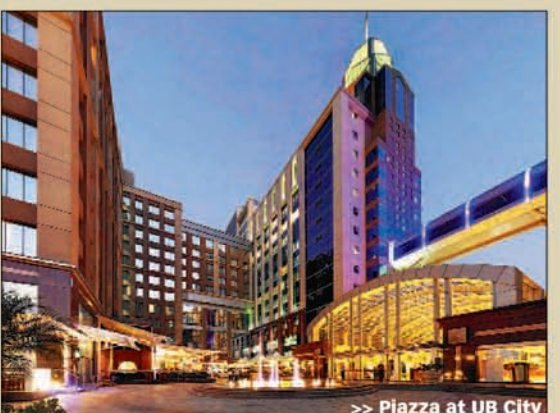
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What's special about UB City?

UB City is one of the biggest commercial property projects in Bengaluru, which is a joint venture between the UB Group headed by Dr Vijay Mallya and the Prestige Group. This project is hosts 1,000,000 sq ft of high-end commercial, retail and service residence space.

About the joint venture with the UB Group, Irfan Razack says, "Dr Mallya had a vision and thought of creating a landmark in Bengaluru. They approached us and gave us a concept — where they wanted retail as well as commercial space under one roof — which would be in a niche category — luxury." He adds, "This creates a more sustainable model for developers and a smarter use of land, which can be a scarce commodity in certain parts of cities."

UB City has four towers — UB Tower, Comet, Canberra and Concorde. The group's offices are housed under one roof — UB Tower. Comet has serviced residences while



>> Piazza at UB City

Concorde and Canberra have retail space on the lower floors and office space on the higher levels. The mall in UB City — The Collection — houses luxury brands such as Louis Vuitton, Mont Blanc, Salvatore Ferragamo, etc.

So, the question arises, does the workings of a high-end luxury mall differ from a normal mall? Uzma Irfan, Executive Director — Corporate Communications,

Prestige Group, states, "Mall management is the same, but the way The Collection is handled is different. For instance, if we have any events in the main mall area like the central atrium, we need to take permission from the corporate offices in UB City, because they will not want their whole schedule to be disrupted. If it is after 7.30-8pm then it is ok, but during office hours, we need

permissions." She adds, "We conduct events at the central atrium and the amphitheatre. The whole reason why we do events is — we have people who come who know about The Collection and shop. But we want to expose more people to it. For example, we just had a show with Audi. We try and team up with brands of the same level, such as Audi, Mercedes, American Express, etc in the luxury segment, and do events with them and then we get their clientele into the mall. So, these events help in facilitating it."

About the exclusivity of luxury brands housed in The Collection, Uzma avers, "In the whole of south India, there isn't a mall or place for luxury brands as compared to Delhi and Mumbai. Here, we wanted to be the first ones to introduce luxury brands into Bengaluru. We bring the latest brands in the luxury segment right at your doorstep."

The UNMILKY WAY

Vegans—vegetarians who eschew milk products—now have a gratifying range of choices from Mumbai caterers



Sharmila Ganesan-Ram | TNN

None of the peons touch the food in Avinash Khater's tiffin box even if he orders them to. They don't understand it. Mostly, it is devoid of ghee, butter, paneer, milk and every other greasy symbol of an Indian woman's love. Khater's mother, too, often wonders why he chooses to cough up almost Rs 200 per day for the dabbba that sometimes contains a serving of unpolished rice or a chocolate cake made without butter or icing. But this, says Khater, the director of a real estate company in Juhu, is only a typical Indian reaction. "It's like asking why an Italian pure leather no-frills sofa costs four times more than an ornate couch with fancy handles. Precisely because it has no frills, right?" asks the builder, who is often compelled by the demands of his profession to have either a cold coffee with clients or five-star lunches with CEOs but largely subscribes to veganism. The aspiration for a simple, dairy-free platter is what made the animal lover sign up for a local vegan tiffin service three months ago, which not only sends him a guilt-free lunch box every day but also a teaser menu much earlier to his inbox, enticing his nobility-enhanced appetite. "I just wait for this mail every morning," confesses Khater, and this early visual assimilation of the menu is "when the process of digestion actually begins", says Shonaalii Sabherwal of the Macrobiotic tiffin service in Juhu, who charges Rs 6,000 a month for each of the 50-odd vegan tiffins that she currently supplies through dabwalas every day. Sabherwal, who counts Katrina Kaif among her clients, says the

macrobiotic diet discourages the use of all white ingredients including rice, flour, sugar and milk. Veganism is a major subset of the macrobiotic diet—which Sabherwal mastered in the US. "Homogenised milk contains hormones that are harmful to the body. They can cause weight gain and some studies have even linked it to breast cancer," says the caterer, who creams her cakes with silken tofu and replaces butter with tahini. The slow yet sure spurt in the number of people swearing to abstain from animal products, lured by either veganism's

VEGGIE DELIGHT

promise of reversing diabetes or simply put off by gruesome visuals like cows being fed with chilli powder to produce extra milk, seems to have fuelled the rapid growth of these new non-greasy tiffin services. For a city starved of vegan restaurants and for passionate converts like Khater ("I'm health-conscious by dna") who crave health food even at work, such niche catering services as Sabherwal's, Bandra's Angel Foods and Thane's Green Stove bakery promise a daily bouquet of seemingly forbidden vegan treats, including cheesecakes, pies and milkshakes, if you will. These are places where peanut milk nudges out curd, cashews turn into cheese and avocado paste masquerades as cream. Bandra's Angel foods, for instance, dishes out vegan lunches thrice a week, undertakes party-size orders and even prepares packaged foods, including soups, crackers, dips, breakfast granola, cookies and even ice-cream. The service was launched in December last year by Marisa Paolillo and Rachna Koshniwal. When Paolillo—who designs diets for good health and weight loss—saw that her clients wanted her food even after they'd completed their vegan-raw food detox pro-

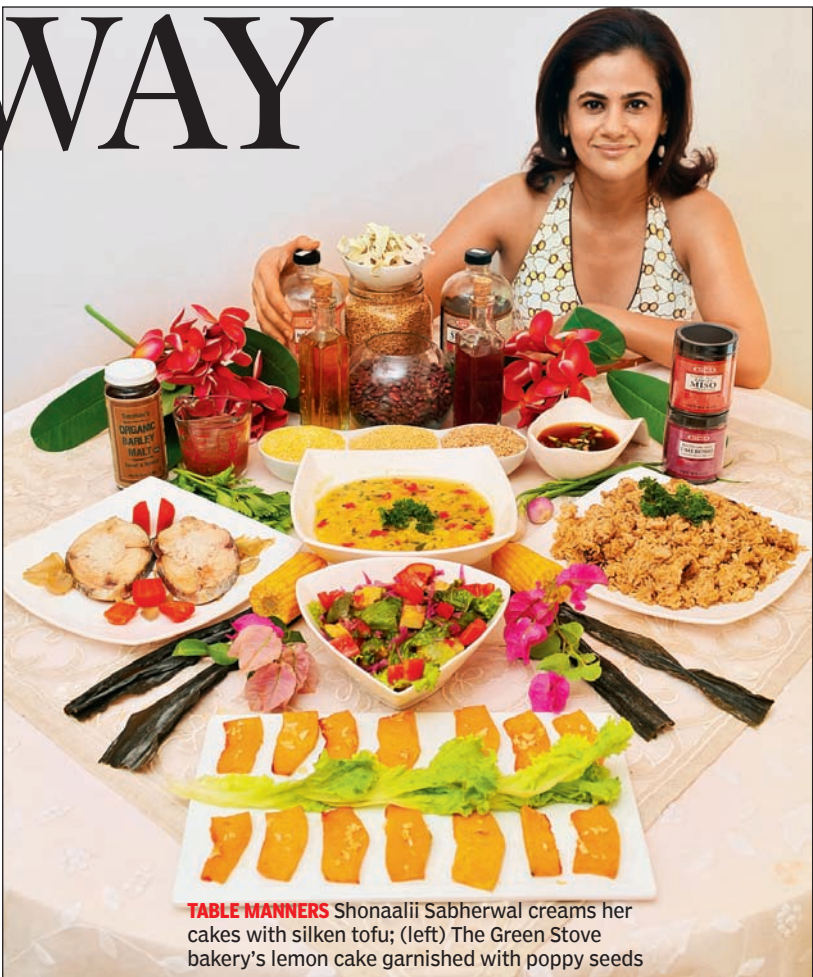


TABLE MANNERS Shonaalii Sabherwal creams her cakes with silken tofu; (left) The Green Stove bakery's lemon cake garnished with poppy seeds

gramme, she also gauged a yawning gap in the local health food market. Paolillo decided to fill it with such specialities as Tuscan soups, dairy-free chocolate mousse, whole grain crackers and wheat-free carrot cakes. "People automatically assume that to eat for health means to eat in a boring way, which need not be the case," she says. The guests at dog trainer Rohini Fernandes' birthday party would agree. When Fernandes, who turned vegan last year, invited her inherently carnivorous relatives over for a "vegan" treat, they weren't

exactly enthused. Some were even sceptical about the delicacies. "But when they saw dishes like pasta with white sauce, which tasted exactly like the original, they were reassured and even called to say they felt light after eating them," reveals Fernandes, whose aunt has now started ordering from the same place as her—The Green Stove. Thane's Rithika Ramesh, a former assistant director who quit her job to pursue her passion for cooking, started running this bakery from home, offering vegans not only the usual fare of cakes and

chocolates but also vegan cheese spreads, appetisers and pizzas. The most challenging part of her business, of course, was "people's perceptions". She would get all sorts of questions from "What's wrong with milk?" to "Won't cakes turn hard without butter?" Then there were even personal questions. "What kind of cult is this?" some asked Ramesh about veganism. But the 25-year-old, who gets such questions even at home, only laughs it off. As if with a vengeance, she has even taken to preparing vegan dog treats like whole-grain biscuits and cakes, now that not only dogs like Fernandes' golden retriever, Angel, enjoy but also their owners. "Cats, however, are yet to warm to my treats," says Ramesh. Perhaps, dangling a fresh bait of imitation fish would help. Ghatkopar's Harshad Parekh, who caters for local semi-

These are places where peanut milk nudges out curd, cashews turn into cheese and avocado paste masquerades as cream

nars on veganism, after all, uses imitation eggs and chicken to lure non-vegetarians. Besides these, the Gujarati gentleman, who thanks veganism for his recovery from a kidney disease, even doles out the standard yoghurt-based Indian fare of palak paneer, raita, buttermilk and kadhi, using vegan substitutes. "The response from customers has been tremendous," says Parekh, who now plans to open a flagship store in South Mumbai, which will sell vegan ingredients and ready-to-eat vegan food. Mumbai's SHARAN, a holistic health awareness NGO, too, is contemplating a similar catering service. "While doing health workshops, we found that wives don't really want to change their way of cooking, and a sudden transition to health food is difficult," says Dr Nandita Shah of SHARAN. "So, we're planning to extend support for a dabbba service to the client's office for Rs 100 to Rs 250 each." With so many dairy-like vegan options in the city, it might indeed not be long before vegans start saying cheese again.

My FAMILY and other ANIMALS

Mahafreed Irani | TNN

Abandoned male Dachs-hund rescued from Carter Road needs foster care immediately. 'Four motherless kittens rescued from the rain have dim chances of survival if they don't get a foster soon.' 'Three cold, whining and dis-oriented pups have been abandoned by their mother on a sidewalk in Marol; they need urgent foster care to survive.' Such online SOS messages tug at the heartstrings of one community in particular—the small fraternity of volunteers called an-

HEAVY PETTING

imal foster parents who throw open their doors to abandoned and sick animals till they recover and are ready to be adopted. Whether it's a cat with a litter or an injured animal that needs time to heal, foster care assures a less stressful environment, which is all that many homeless animals need. The foster care movement began in Mumbai around three years ago. NGOs which rescue animals in distress post thousands of advertisements on sites like Facebook, Quikr and Twitter and wait for animal lovers to respond. Foster parents usually volunteer for periods ranging from 15 days to three months; a few selflessly care for all sorts of animals from paraplegic and maggot-bitten purebreds to kitten litters and paralysed cats, injured crows, pigeons and white mice. A few days ago, 22-year-old Taronish Bulsara from World For All, an NGO founded by Ruchi Nadkarni, even fostered a donkey who was found with his legs tied in a garbage dump in Chakala. Nadkarni and Bulsara make sure the animal to be fostered is dewormed, vaccinated and sterilised. But there's another dis-

Several Mumbaikars are playing foster parents to sick and injured animals



FULL HOUSE Anand Siva (left) is fostering an invalid puppy while Shruti Shetty (right) and her mother are looking after two paralysed cats

guised hurdle they face: "Every time a foster falls in love with an animal and decides to adopt it, we lose a foster parent." According to the NGO's statistics, 50 per cent of foster parents end up adopting the animals they have cared for. While most get attached and can't let go, others, who take on the NGO's responsibility of finding an adoptive home for the animal, are unable to find a good one and so keep it themselves. Take foster supermom Shruti Shetty. Besides fostering 15 animals over two years, she has also adopted two paralysed cats, Sasha and Chinku, who she had previously fostered. "While Sasha grew too attached to my other cat pets and I didn't want to break her heart and home again, Chinku is still healing her broken spine," says the freelance architect. Nursing a sick cat is not easy—

it includes cleaning the litter box, massaging the cat all night, taking it to the vet for regular check-ups and helping it stretch and exercise. Most rescued cats also have diseases like Upper Respiratory Tract Disorder and anaemia. Dogs are the other major adoptees—in Mumbai, say N G O s , over 20 pet dogs a r e

abandoned every month. The reasons vary from owners going abroad to pets becoming disabled, but every abandonment is equally heartless—NGOs find Dalmatians, German Shepherds, St Bernards and Pugs in garbage dumps, some with maggot wounds, some with injuries because of being mauled by other dogs. "For helpless animals like these, the foster movement is a great initiative," says Abodh Aras, CEO of Welfare Of Stray Dogs. "Since NGOs are usually caught up with rescuing and sterilising animals, they are unable to give the time and attention that a foster caregiver can." This is not to say that any and every person who offers to foster is taken on—there's a very strict screening process, says Bulsara, in which potential foster parents are asked if they've ever had pets themselves, whether they have someone at home to take care of the pet and so on. Compulsive foster dads like Anand Siva do. The Nerul resident confesses that he manages to foster so many animals (he and his friends are currently caring for 20) only because of the support he gets from his wife and mother-in-law who look after his pets while he is at work. He's currently fostering Sienna, a mud-brown puppy he rescued. With a fractured hipbone, little Sienna is invalid and has to drag her hind legs. "I'm looking for a better home for her and the 19 other animals," says Siva. Siva says it's easier to rescue animals when one is assured of a foster home for them. But the foster care movement is running short of helping hands. "This year the monsoon has left many animals orphaned and injured," says Siva. "They walk into ditches and can't find food easily. We are desperately looking for more homes." To adopt the puppies/kittens, call Anand Siva on 9967011333. To foster, mail ufa.adoption@gmail.com

Walk of the town

Pronoti Datta | TNN

During the heritage walk through Khotachiwadi organised by the Alliance Française last Wednesday, it was easy to forget that it was being conducted by a Frenchwoman. It was obvious that Julie Van Rechem, who spoke about the Pathare Prabhus and East Indians of Girgaum with impressive authority, knew more about Mumbai than most of the folks who attended. It was only when Van Rechem, forgetting for a moment that most people in the group didn't speak French, broke out into her native language that the incongruity of being guided around our own city by a Frenchwoman struck us.

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Van Rechem began conducting walks around Mumbai's historic neighbourhoods this month as part of Alliance's initiative, Heritage Days. The institute has borrowed the idea from European Heritage Days, an annual celebration of heritage that takes place in 50 countries. So far, Van Rechem has led tours in Khotachiwadi, Ranwar village, Colaba, Fort and Lohar Chawl. Van Rechem has been studying the city for the two years she has been here. When her banker husband was offered a transfer to either Mumbai or London, she insisted he choose Mumbai. "While doing this, I realised through discussions with Bombayite friends, students or even the taxi drivers that I knew the city's history often better than them," she says. "I found it sad but I knew it's usually the case. When you live in a city, you think you have time to visit it and you postpone. I stroll a lot in the streets with good shoes. As an expatriate and a privileged woman in this harsh city, I refused to live only between my apartment, my car and fashionable restaurants." During the walk from Opera House to Khotachiwadi, Van Rechem pointed out a number of architectural details that are easily overlooked: reliefs of wheat bushels that commemorate the fields that used to exist in the area on the art deco Nagindas Mansion,

A French history buff leads Mumbaikars on a discovery of their own heritage



Two new walks trawl through Mumbai's heritage

Bombay Hub walk Bombay Hub, an organisation in Bandra that rents out office space to entrepreneurs involved in socially relevant activities, has started heritage walks. Leading the walk is Francis D'Costa, a headhunter who works at the Hub. Email bombay.hub@unitedindia.org

Raconteur Walks Started by Viraat Kasliwal, Raconteur will begin walks in October, after the monsoon ends. Kasliwal plans to organise daily walks around various themes. First up are walks through Fort. Email raconteurwalksmumbai@gmail.com

LOOK, IT'S A BALCONY Julie Van Rechem leads walkers on a tour of Lohar Chawl's architecture

and now the neighbourhood is down to 26. The walk ended with a tour of the antique-filled home of James Ferreira, the fashion designer who for years has been campaigning to preserve the beautiful neighbourhood. Throughout the walk, Van Rechem kept up an animated commentary. It comes easily to her as she taught history and geography in high school in Paris. "I thought that my vocation could help people who sometimes fear to discover a huge city, re-appropriate the public space," she says. But that's not easy in Mumbai, Van Rechem found, as many public institutions are closed to the public. Unlike Europe where, during Heritage Days, some countries throw open public buildings to visitors. "The administrations of public buildings seem to be scared and I'm pretty sure terrorism is just an excuse," she says. "It's unbelievable to me that you have to explain why you want to enter and have a look in a public place." For details of walks, call Alliance Française at 2203-5993

Don't use the K word

Mohammed Wajihuddin | TNN

When Prem Chand, a 25-year-old Pakistani Hindu and member of the National Youth Parliament, died in the Islamabad air crash a few weeks ago, radical Islamism killed him a second time. The authorities who salvaged the bodies from the crash site painted Chand's coffin black and wrote 'kafir' (infidel) on it in glaring red—an act which raised hackles among enlightened Hindus and Muslims across the subcontinent. The debate on whether a non-Muslim should be called a kafir or not is not new. Nor is the controversy around the word itself. What has shocked some senior Islamic clerics more is the utter disregard shown by the authorities for a dead person's dignity. It also betrayed their lack of understanding and complete distortion of a Quranic word. The Quran uses 'kafir' for those who deny the Truth or the unity of God. Indeed, the holy book has a whole chapter

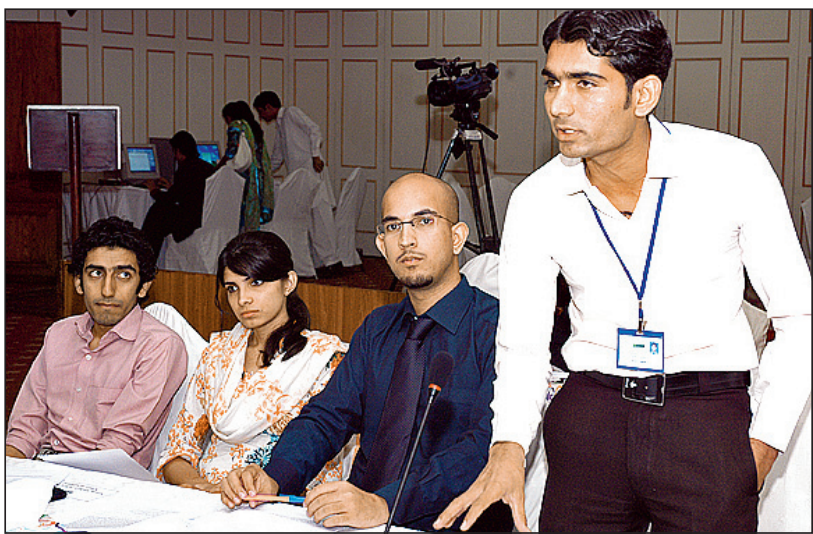
Progressive Muslim scholars and clerics condemn the use of the word 'kafir' (infidel) for non-Muslim communities

named *Al-Kafirun* (Those Who Deny The Truth) on this; however, it has never asked Muslims to call non-Muslims kafirs. On the contrary, *Al-Kafirun* ends on a beautiful, conciliatory note often quoted by scholars: "*Lakum deenakum waliyadeen* (You have your religion and I have mine)." Maulana Burhanuddin Qasmi, who

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heads Markazul Maarif, a Mumbai-based Islamic Research Institute, calls this verse the very kernel of Islam's emphasis on co-existence. "There could not have been a clearer divine commandment about choice of religion," he explains. "Islam invites everyone to its fold but doesn't humiliate those who don't embrace it. Using the word 'kafir' to abuse people of oth-

er faiths is un-Islamic." Scholars maintain that non-Muslims, including Hindus, should not be called kafirs for another reason. "Whether an individual or community denies the truth is a matter of his/her conscience. And since only Allah knows the conscience, nobody has the right to call a Hindu a kafir," says Maulana Abdul Khaliq Madrasi, vice-rector of the seminary Darul Uloom Deoband (UP). The obscurantists say Hindus should be called kafirs because, as they claim, Allah never sent a prophet with a divine book to them. Remarkably, the Quran calls all those communities who were sent with divine books, believers. Scholar Asghar Ali Engineer doesn't buy the argument that Hindus never got a Prophet or a divine book. "The list of



BAD NAME The body of Pakistani Hindu Prem Chand (right), who died in a plane crash, was put into a coffin and labelled 'kafir' by Pakistani authorities

prophets named in the Quran is illustrative, not exhaustive," he says. "Muslims believe there were 1,24,000 prophets; the Quran mentions just about two dozen. It also says that Allah sent a 'haadi' (guide) to every nation. So, if there is no mention of a nation or the book in the Quran, it

should not mean that people of that nation or community are kafirs." Mazhar Jan-i-Janan, an 18th-century Sufi saint, similarly disarmed those who believed that Hindustan remained devoid of a prophet. "How can Allah forget a great nation like Hindustan and not send

His guide here?" he asked. "Maybe Ram and Krishna were such guides." Jan-i-Janan also refused to accept Hindus as non-believers or those who hide the truth because "Hindus also call Ishwar 'Satyam' (Truth)". Engineer refers to Mughal emperor Shah Jahan's heir apparent Dara Shikoh's scholarly work *Majma-al-Bahrain* (co-"If there is no mention of a nation or the divine book in the Quran, it should not mean that people of that nation or community are kafirs" mingling of two oceans), which draws parallels between Islam and Hinduism. "Hindus call Ishwar 'Satyam, Shivam, Sundaram' (Truth, Almighty and Beautiful), and all these are equivalent attributes of Allah—Haq, Jabbar and Jamil," wrote Shikoh. And finally, the disrespect shown to a dead person by calling him 'kafir' is also against the Prophet's own beliefs. Once he saw the cortege of a Jew pass by. Immediately, he stood in honour of the dead person. When a companion reminded him that it was a Jew's cortege, the Prophet shot back: "Was he not a human being?"

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Politics over potholes deepens

As Leaders Spar, PWD Sets A 72-Hour Deadline For Repairs

Yogesh Naik & Chittaranjan Tembhekar | TNN

Mumbai: While chief minister Ashok Chavan has been critical of the toll roads in the state, which fall under the ambit of NCP-controlled PWD and Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), his deputy and NCP strongman Chagan Bhujbal said that the CM-controlled urban development department must first issue a directive to the BMC for immediate repairs of Mumbai roads.

Bhujbal said, "Forget these toll roads, even the main roads in Mumbai are ridden with potholes. The CM must immediately direct the BMC to fill up potholes. I will see what needs to be done to repair roads across the state." However, Chavan told TOI on Saturday that the BMC has a budget in each ward for potholes. "There is no need for issuing directives. I am told that they have been filling up the potholes." The deputy CM seemed angry as the CM criticized the functioning of the roads department and the PWD, which report to him.

Meanwhile, the PWD and the MSRDC have asked their regional engineers and contractors across the state to fill up potholes within 72 hours. Roads like the Mumbra bypass, which are badly damaged, have been closed for repairs. The administration has also started repairing potholes on the tolled flyovers and roads across Mumbai metropolitan.

"We have issued instructions to MSRDC and PWD engineers to fill up the potholes on flyovers at places like Wadala, Sion, Navghar, Chheda Nagar, Rukmini Nagar, Dadar, Parel, and Byculla," said sources.

During his visit to Aurangabad, the chief minister was critical of the condition of toll roads. He had said that people should not pay toll if these roads have potholes.



BUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS: City's pockmarked roads are a threat to motorists

BMC will do what state govt can't, says Uddhav

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Though the Shiv Sena-ruled BMC is struggling to keep city roads free of potholes, this has not stopped party executive president Uddhav Thackeray from taking a dig at the state government for the mess.

After the party's high-pitched campaign against the PWD and state for failing to maintain toll roads, the Sena chief on Friday gave a new dimension to the politics being played by both sides over potholes. During his fourth consecutive visit this week to take stock of pothole-ridden roads, the Sena chief directed civic officials to take over a PWD-maintained

stretch at Saki Naka and repair it from municipal funds.

"He was of the opinion that locals have suffered enough due to PWD's careless attitude and if the state government can't repair the

road, the BMC will do it from its fund," said a civic official from the roads department. The stretch in the Ashok Nagar area between Saki Naka and Powai and is ridden with potholes. The Sena has been in the news for launching a massive agitation against PWD-controlled toll roads, which are in a bad shape.

Chief minister Ashok Chavan on Friday announced people should stop paying toll if the operators fail to repair the roads.



Woman who pushed niece into nullah gets HC relief

Shibu thomas | TNN

Mumbai: A year after a woman pushed her niece into a nullah, the Bombay high court quashed the attempt to murder charges against the accused, following a compromise in the family.

The victim's mother, who is the sister of the accused, said that she had no grievance against her sibling. Accepting the statement, Justice V. J. Kapse Tahilramani referred to the Supreme Court judgment about the futility of keeping alive a criminal complaint in a personal matter where a compromise had been reached between the parties.

"Keeping the matter alive with no possibility of a result in favour of the prosecution is a luxury which the courts, grossly over-burdened as they are, cannot afford and that the time so saved can be utilised in deciding more effective and meaningful litigation."

The Goral police had booked Neetu Sharma on charges of attempt to murder, after she was alleged to have pushed her sister's minor daughter in a nullah near Goral. A scrap dealer rescued her.

Deepmala Sharma, the mother of the young girl, approached the court recently saying that she had no grievance against Neetu. Deepmala claimed that Neetu suffered from epileptic fits and she learnt from her daughter that she had fallen into the nullah accidentally. Deepmala urged that the FIR against her sister be quashed as she had no one to look after her.

The court pointed out that even the scrap dealer had not seen Neetu push her niece.

Fleet cabs to charge new fare later

Mumbai: Though the government has hiked fares for fleet cabs in Mumbai, operators like Meru have decided to charge revised fares only after the electronic meters are recalibrated. Recalibration of meters for 1,800 Meru cabs and 500 taxis belonging to other operators will begin from Monday. The state transport department will issue the revised tariff card next week. The fares have been hiked from a basic Rs 20 to Rs 22, and from Rs 14 to Rs 15 for every additional km. TNN

HC raps Thane top cop for 'inaction' in Ulcra scam

Hetal Vyas | TNN

Mumbai: The Bombay high court has sought explanation from the Thane police commissioner, SPS Yadav, for failing to take action against Yogesh Mhase, officer on special duty (OSD) to home minister R. R. Patil. Yadav was asked why Mhase had not been arrested for allegedly fabricating documents under the Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act (Ulcra), 1976.

The case relates to a land deal in Pune. Yadav was heading the probe while he was in state CID. Hearing a PIL filed by Madhav Bhandari, the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson, the HC on Thursday directed Yadav to file an affidavit by September 30. A division bench of Justices B. H. Marlapalle and N. D. Deshpande asked why Mhase and five others had not been arrested.

According to the petition, in September 2009, Patil stayed the arrest of Mhase. The petition also states that former IAS officer Sudhakar Joshi, appointed by the government to examine more than 235 orders passed under the Ulcra—has been able to examine only 120 files. The HC has directed Joshi to scrutinize 29 cases in which the CID detected bogus orders.

Pune blast accused may be booked for Nashik terror plot

Mateen Hafeez | TNN

Mumbai: The anti-terrorism squad (ATS), which is probing the German Bakery blast case, is likely to book the alleged mastermind, Mirza Himayat Baig, for plotting terror attacks in Nashik.

Baig (29) was arrested on September 7 for his alleged role in the Pune blast. He was involved in assembling and transporting the bomb which According to the police, Bilal Shaikh, arrested for hatching the Nashik terror plot, knew Mirza Himayat Baig, the Pune blast accused. Shaikh had studied the potential target sites in Nashik and informed Baig about them

was planted at the bakery in Koregaon Park on February 13. In the Nashik case, the ATS had arrested Bilal Shaikh alias Bada Bilal (27), a college dropout, who had allegedly planned terror attacks at the police commissionerate, police training school and cantonment there. Baig's name cropped up during interrogation. "Baig

and Shaikh are known to each other. Baig has visited Nashik several times. We will seek his custody in the Nashik case soon," said ATS chief Rakesh Maria.

"Shaikh had conducted a reconnaissance of the sites in Nashik and told Baig about them. Baig was aware of this conspiracy," said Maria. The police also claimed to have seized 700 gm of RDX from Shaikh. Shaikh, said police, was hiding in Satpure area of Nashik, where he was living as Amin Manik Parekh.

According to the police, Shaikh studied in Pune for some time before he went to Pakistan for a terror training in 2008. "In Pune, Shaikh met Chhota Bilal, a Surat resident, who was Baig's friend. Chhota Bilal introduced Shaikh to Baig saying the former had potential for their work," an ATS officer said. Since then, the two were in constant touch with each other. "The Indian Mujahideen group was about to carry out attacks in Nashik," said the officer. Shaikh had moved from Solapur to Nashik in May this year.

Asked if the police will book Shaikh in the Pune blast case, the officer said, "We are questioning both the accused in separate cases. We will take action after we have gathered evidence against Shaikh."

house a notice before the release of the film, Goenka said, "This is the appropriate time."

There have been reports that the sales of Zandu Balm have gone up after the song was released. Trade analyst Taran Adarsh said, "It helps boost sales of a product, although people may know it exists."

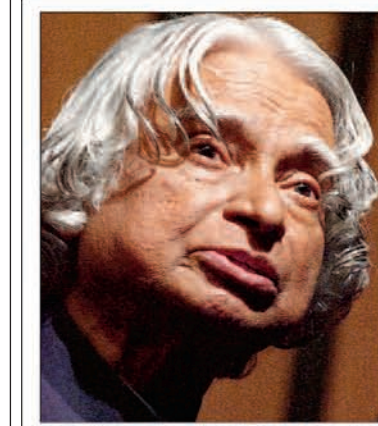
Goenka does not agree. "The new campaign for the product was released around the same time as the song. It is difficult to say if the song helped boost the sales," he said.

Dabangg song rubs Zandu balm makers the wrong way

Bharti Dubey | TNN

Mumbai: Zandu Pharmaceutical Works, the manufacturer of Zandu Balm, has served a legal notice on Dabangg producer Arbaaz Khan for copyright infringement, though the production house has denied receiving any such notice. The Kolkata-based firm has objected to the usage of their product in the song *Munni Badnam Hui* from the movie. Spokesperson for the company Mohan Goenka said the

brand name has been used at least 20 times in the song. He, however, refused to comment on whether there was any unfulfilled commitment on part of the production house for using the brand name. Sources close to the producer deny any deal with the company. Lalit Pandit, the composer of the song, had attributed the credit of the word *zandu* to Madhur Bhandarkar. The song was released two months before the release of the film. Asked why the company did not serve the production



> Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam with Srijan Pal Singh
"Dreams transform into thoughts, Thoughts result into action"

I have visited hundreds of cities across the world, but not one of them comes close to my ideal. So, what is the profile of my dream city? It should have a population of not more than five million, generate its own power through green sources, be a vibrant economy where everyone has access to clean energy and clean water, use biofuel and insist on rainwater harvesting, and is full of parks and trees. In short, it should be the flag-bearer of eco-friendly habitats, which aim at complete carbon neutrality.

● Increasing Population and Growing Cities

Between 1 AD and the start of the industrial revolution in the early 1800s, human population had grown from approximately 230 million to 1 billion, ie 0.8 per cent every decade. However, in the next 180 years, it has multiplied to the current 6.5 billion-plus, which represents a decadal growth of over 11 per cent. In the past century alone, the population quadrupled.

Population growth has been closely accompanied by a simultaneous rise in both wealth creation and extreme poverty. However, there has also been healthcare improvements due to the advancement of life sciences. With the network of global trade routes, fossil fuel-based technologies, industrialisation and mechanisation, the world income per capita has also grown rapidly—nine times in just the past 150 years.

There is a specific aspect to population growth—it is largely concentrated in a few geographical locations. This has led to the emergence of large, very densely-populated cities. For example, in the year 1800, London was the largest city in the world with a population of around 1 million. By 1960, our planet had 111 cities with over a million people. This number stands at 300 today, and still counting. This concentration of population

> URBAN LONGINGS

A CARBON NEUTRAL CITY IS MY DREAM

What should the city of the future be? However varied the items on this wishlist, you can be certain that no one wants it to be like our present cities. What alchemy of infrastructure and emotion creates the perfect place in which to live, work and play? Is such an ideal even possible given the demands, pressures and constraints? In a 360-degree discussion, India's leading minds lay out their own astute blueprint. The series will appear every Sunday.

adds to the pressure on resources at the local level and leads to severe resource scarcities. With increasing wealth and hence increasing per capita energy consumption, the threat of climate change looms large on humanity. So, modern cities have to address the two-pronged challenge of better living standard with reduced emissions. The 21st century city has to progressively move towards achieving carbon neutrality.

● Organising Cities as a Cluster of Micro-cities

Today, our challenge is to achieve better city organisation. Improper planning leads to intra-city 'micro-migration' every day. In the optimal scenario, each city, even one with a population of 5 million, should be reorganised so that it comprises a city centre with a population of 1-2 million—and containing administrative, government and large corporate offices—surrounded by satellite micro-cities with less than a million people each.

Each of these micro-cities has to be developed independently and equally, furnishing them with good schools and colleges, leisure and cultural opportunities, quality hospitals, planned housing for all classes and, above all, a capacity for employment generation. Each micro-city must be well networked within itself with a ring road and high-speed bus services. The micro-cities, in all directions, should then be connected to the city centre through a multi-mode, high-speed mass transit system. This would spell goodbye to today's harrowing and wasteful commutes.

● Green Fuels and Eco-friendly Transport System

Transport is to blame for about 13 per cent of the total emissions worldwide. Moreover, the fossil fuel being used for running our cars is largely imported. In fact, in times of soaring oil prices, the import bill for petroleum went up to \$80 billion. Every litre of petrol or diesel burnt in vehicles contributes about 2.7 kg of CO₂ equivalent emissions. Thus, in a year, an average car would emit about 10 tonnes of CO₂. The 21st century city will have to

base its transport on a network of high speed, reliable mass transit systems. Bicycling is a healthy option for both individuals and the cities they live in. Apart from the creation of safe and speedy cycling lanes, bike rentals even on an hourly basis should be institutionalised. Hybrid cars, which use solar and bio-fuel, also need to be encouraged through civic policies, financial incentives and public awareness drives.

● Smart Building

Buildings use 50 per cent of global energy and account for comparable heat-trapping emissions. Integrated design with multiple energy efficiency measures can reduce energy use by



at least half; indeed a cut of 80 per cent has been achieved. The emerging trends of intelligent buildings and green buildings entail the use of modern technology, smart materials and eco-friendly designs. For example, hollow building material made out of fly ash is not only more environment-friendly, but also a better insulator of heat and cold and so a greater energy saver. The comfort conditions of intelligent buildings could be monitored and tailored using new processing tools like neural networks and fuzzy logic.

The future holds a lot of promise as new concepts in nano-technology, smart materials and design software will unleash an era of efficient and sustainable buildings. Edgy green enterprises will give birth to the cadre of green corridor jobs—those centred on businesses, which either supply green power or green power-generating equipment.

● Clean Energy and Energy from Waste

One of the widest paths to achieving carbon neutrality is to transform the

way energy is generated and supplied. Today's systems account for more than 26 per cent of the greenhouse gas emissions. Our best option is one we haven't tapped at all: the technologies now available, which use municipal waste. Studies indicate that as much as 5800 MW of power can be generated via garbage-fuelled electric power plants spread across the country. Medium and small enterprises can set these up with assistance from banks.

One recently came across a 'plasma-enhanced melter system' in which a high-temperature DC plasma arc is used to gasify the waste in a steam-reforming atmosphere to convert organic material into a synthesis gas. This is a mixture of mostly hydrogen and carbon monoxide, which is kinder to the environment. Similarly, wind and solar micro plants can be used to supplement conventional fossil power sources. Through law and incentives, every building should be installed with solar plants and small-scale horizontal axis wind plants which can supply at least 25 per cent of the energy needed.

● Eco Zones

Our future cities will have to integrate mini-forest zones wherever possible. These forests can be planted with high-growth varieties and can also act as economically feasible eco-parks attracting a diversity of flora and fauna. School children and youth need to be mobilised to populate these eco zones and their own neighbourhood with trees. Every tree is capable of absorbing 20 kg of CO₂ every year directly from the atmosphere, besides the indirect positive impact on the environment via cooling and shade effects.

A combined, integrated and participative approach would make the dream of a carbon neutral city into a reality. And it will be a wonderful world again.

> Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, India's 11th President, humanised Rashtrapati Bhavan like no other. Earlier, he had earned the label of The Missile Man for developing and operationalising the Agni and Prithvi missiles. He was also project director for the country's first indigenous satellite launch vehicle—SLV-III. Now, at 79, he devotes his still prodigious energy to igniting young minds, doing this with passion and a child-like infectious charm. The Bharat Ratna was bestowed on him in 1997.

> Srijan Pal Singh is an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad and an expert in Environment and Development working with the Former President.

Stand Up and Be Counted

Help the less fortunate simply by practising your favourite hobby

Never believe that a small group of people can't change the world," said American writer Margaret Mead. "Indeed, they are the only ones who do." For every Gandhi, there are a million followers who join the movement. For every Mother Teresa, there are a thousand missionaries of charity who demonstrate compassion in their daily life and work.

As India prepares to celebrate the Joy of Giving Week (JGW) from Sept 26 to Oct 2, here is a chance for you to stand up and be counted. If autrickshaw drivers can donate Rs 1,000 to feed the poor, and 8,000 women in lower income self-help groups can donate 15,000 kg of food-



Why a Dreamathon?

- Because it is a simple idea that every individual can implement. Everyone has some hobby or the other, and every hobby can be used to help a cause.
- Even if your dreamathon raises "just" Rs 1,000, or helps "only" 25 people, it will all add up. JGW is not about large corporates, celebrities or wealthy people — it's about regular people doing their bit.
- It is a great chance to do what you enjoy for a cause that you care about.
- Rahul Nainwal, Sandeep Gurung and many others like them have already started. What are you waiting for?

but haven't zeroed in on one yet."

Sandeep Gurung is a fashion designer in Bangalore. In the JGW, he will organize Go Green, an awareness exhibition-cum-sale. "My team and I will tell people how they can use domestic waste to create something fashionable and how a small lifestyle change can make a big difference to our environment," says Gurung, who is also inviting unemployed youth and NGOs to attend the workshop free of cost.



How to set up your Dreamathon in seven easy steps

- 1 Shilpa Kamath, a branch manager at a public sector bank, loves doing mehendi art so she picks this as her hobby.
- 2 She decides to train underprivileged girls in this art so that they can earn money out of it.
- 3 Shilpa knows teaching this art will need at least 12 hours of training. Her work day ends at 4 pm, so she decides to do the training from 6 pm to 8 pm, Monday through Saturday.
- 4 She surfs the Internet for NGOs working with underprivileged young girls and finds one near her home.
- 5 The NGO agrees to host her "mehendi-training workshop" and identifies about 40 potential participants in the 16-20 age group who can learn. Shilpa will do a "test" on Sunday (Sept 26) to identify 10 talented girls who have a flair for art, and then work with them for the rest of the week. She decides to "charge" each participant Rs 200 which will be paid to the NGO and used to buy all the materials they will need — less for the money and more because she wants the girls to take the course seriously.
- 6 Shilpa registers the event on the JGW website, starts practising how she will teach the finer techniques, how to mix the mehendi, and also gets copies made of a "design booklet" she uses that has 100 patterns. She keeps checking on the progress with the NGO every day to make sure there are at least 40 people lined up for her "big day".
- 7 Shilpa organises the event.

Judge's brother practises at HC

Swati Deshpande | TNN

Mumbai: Justice R S Mohite's letter to the President said his resignation would not be with immediate effect. It is learnt that it will be effective after a month or so.

Before being elevated as an HC judge, he established a sizeable practice in Mumbai in the civil, service, criminal and constitutional fields of law, and espoused environmental as well as liberal and humanitarian causes such as the right to maintenance of Muslim women and right to housing of slum dwellers.

The transfer policy of high court judges permits judges to be transferred to other high courts—some lawyers say it comes with the territory. Years ago, the Bar Council of India had suggested that judges and their practising lawyer kin ought not to be in the same high court. But that may not have been the reason for the transfer here, said some senior

COURT MATTERS

- Justice Bhimrao Naik resigns from the Bombay high court after becoming a permanent judge citing personal reasons. He was not asked to take a transfer
- Article 221 of the Indian Constitution bars any permanent HC judge from practising in the same court after his or her resignation as a judge of that court
- HC judges can be transferred to other HCs by the CJI
- An HC judge is initially appointed as an additional judge and within two years, usually gets confirmed as a permanent judge

lawyers, because even though Justice Mohite's brother, advocate Manoj Mohite, practises in the Bombay high court, he has been a lawyer since 1984, much before his brother's appointment and elevation.

Cops will use short films to alert citizens

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The city police are planning to ask multiplexes to screen short movies commissioned by the force. The four movies, directed by filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, aim at raising awareness about the possible threats that Mumbaikars could face.

Police officials say that this is part of their alert citizen initiative, which asks people to keep an eye on their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity. Officials added that they hope to reach out to maximum number of people through the screenings.

The idea was mooted by deputy commissioner of police (zone IX) KMM Prasanna six months ago. After several meetings with senior officials, the content and subject of the movies were decided. Prasanna said, "Citizens should be careful and make sure that no suspicious objects are lying near them. They should alert the police control room if they find any suspicious objects."

CBI files chargesheet against 15 in rly recruitment scam

Hyderabad: A former Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) chairman and his son are among the 15 named in a chargesheet filed by the CBI in a scam related to the leakage of question papers of a recruitment test.

The chargesheet was filed against S M Sharma, the then chairman, RRB, Mumbai and his son Vivek the CBI said. "The accused have been charged with for the offences of criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, cheating, causing disappearance of the evidence, re-

ceiving illegal gratification and criminal misconduct," a CBI spokesperson stated.

The question papers that were leaked for the examinations for the posts of assistant loco pilot and assistant station master held on June 6 and 13, 2010 by the RRB, Mumbai.

Advocate Srujan Jagannadham and five others — J Sahreen Kumar, P Ashok Kumar, Jagannadham Ramesh, Jagannadham Tirupathiah, and S Vijay Shankar — were also accused in the case. "The accused lured and

mobilised several aspirants through agents and sub-agents. They fixed the price of Rs 3.5 lakh for assistant loco pilot and Rs four lakh for assistant station master from each aspirant," he said.

"They collected initial advance ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 1.05 lakh and also collected the original certificates of the aspirants," the official said.

The CBI had registered a case in this regard under different sections of IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act on June 15, 2010. AGENCIES

Tribute

Paying homage to the departed soul

DEATH

SHASHIKANT ZAOBA (BBME/HSBC) Expired 17.09.10 Deeply Mourned by Family and Friends (No Condolences)

TALPADE SURESH Shivshankar 84 Ex Hongkong Bank passed away peacefully on 15.09.2010 Deeply mourned by Mangala(W) Sheetal (Harinakshi) Vijayakar (D), Parag (S), Leena D/L, Bhushan (S), Meghana, D/L, Suhasin Desai (Sis) Rasik (B) Grandchildren, Relatives & friends.

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Sad Demise

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Mrs. Smita R. Surve Nee Vasundhara Patil (Ex-Air India) Wife of Late Ramkrishna Surve Expired on 16-09-10
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SAD DEMISE

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SAD DEMISE

Mrs. Seeta Gajanan Prabhutendolkar (Yeshwanti) Rajaram Mahajan Date of Birth: 09.08.1929 Left for heavenly abode on 14.09.2010 May Her Soul Rest In Peace. The 12th day Vidhi will be at the residence on 25.09.2010 Mourned by Prabhutendolkar and Samant Family. Tel: 24123841

Rajiv Bhalchandra Karnik (1955 - 2010) passed away on 13th Sept, 2010. He is survived by his wife & two daughters.

"Shok Sabha" will be held on 22nd Sept, 2010 from 5-7 pm at Bldg C-1, Flat-1 Madhuraj Nagar Society Paud Road Pune 411029. Ph: 65271304

MR. B. M. KARARIA (Rtd. Adtl. Comm. of Income Tax) Left for his heavenly abode on 16th Sept, 2010. Deeply mourned by : Wife : Sushma Sons : Anil and Aravind Daughter in Laws : Kamlesh and Gurinder Grand Children : Sailata, Karan, Natasha, Arjun and Anand Prayer meeting on Monday 20th Sept, 2010 from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm at Copper Chimney, Lotus Court, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Lotus, Worli, Mumbai.

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MR. NARENDRA DALVI passed away peacefully on 17/09/10. Deeply mourned by his Son's: Abhay and Amol D.L's: Sujata and Sonali & Grand children - Adit and Akhil.

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MONTHS MIND

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DEATH ANNIVERSARY

1st Death Anniversary

RAJAT DHAGE (18/08/79 to 19/09/09) "It is said that time heals all wounds, but for us the hurt remains. You left us a year ago, but it's difficult to believe that you are not with us anymore. With silent thoughts we realize how much we miss you with every passing moment. The void you left can never be filled." Missed by Family and Friends.

MARKA

Shri Gordhan Visumal Kewlani Left for his heavenly abode on 16th Sept 2010. Marka will be held on 19th Sept 2010, Sunday at P3, Shanti Heights Society, G. D. Ambekar Marg, Near Wadala Telephone Exchange, Wadala (W) between 5pm to 5.30pm. Deeply Mourned by Kewlani Family, Relatives and Friends.

ASHOK BHIMANDAS CHAWLA Left for his heavenly abode on 16th Sept, 2010. **DEEPLY MOURNED BY** Wife :- Kanchan Daughter :- Neha Son :- Amit Daughter-in-law :- Karishma Brothers :- Tikam & Srichand Sisters :- Rajwanti Bhavnani, Meena Rajani, Veena Kataria, Lata Bhatija, Kiran Makhiya & family. Marka will be held on Sunday, 19th Sept, 2010 at: Nij Thanw, 9th Road, Near Oriental Hotel, Khar Pali, between 5.30 & 6.00p.m. Ladies & Gents

6th Death Anniversary
SMT KAUSHALYA DEVI VIG 25.12.1933 - 19.9.2004 Wife of Jodhrum Vig Your presence was a priceless gift for us. Today its been 6 years, feels like nightmare, our world is been taken back, but your love made us strong. Words are not enough to express our love and gratitude towards you. Whatever we are is because of your blessing. Mumma we miss you to much. From your beloved sons Sunil Jodhrum Vig Simran Singh Vig.

5th Death Anniversary
MRS. S. KOSHY & MR. C. G. KOSHY Died on 19/09/2005 & 20/09/2005. In Loving Memory of our Parents. No words can describe the loss of your death. Your going has left a permanent vacuum in our life. Cherished by Rachel, Reuben, Rhea & George Jacob, George Koshy, Sarah, Ian & Melanie.

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Hairfall research took root in Tata hosp’s Kharghar unit

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Dermatologist Dr Satish Bhatia, who practises out of his Cooperage clinic, started the European treatment around three months ago. “Stem cells are known to take on the role of skin (or hair), bone and muscle. We use stem cells derived from fatty tissues that already know their role and won’t grow into tumours,” he says. His concoction is imported from Italy, costing Rs 25,000. “If the patient wants his/her own stem cells to be derived from his/her own fat cells, then the cost goes up four times,” he adds. Dr Bhatia believes growth factors and stem cells are the next big things in hair care. “People are sick of hair transplants, which have a bushy appearance and look artificial. One of 10 persons undergoing a transplant complains of side-effects such as swelling and infection. So stem cell injections that cause local swelling and redness for only 48 hours are welcome,” he adds. So, how do the new technologies work? According to the doctors, they release the body’s basic engineering unit—read proteins—to coax hair growth. Hair works on a biochemical rhythm. Hair follicles grow on the interactions between the dermis and epi-

Surgical

Hair Transplant: Small pieces of hair-bearing scalp from the back of the head are ‘transplanted’ to balding spots. Doctors take small portion of the scalp from either the back or side of the head and move them into the ‘slits’ on the top of the head. This is called hair grafting, punch grafting, plug grafting or hair transplantation. At times, doctors transfer flaps—a larger portion—to the balding areas.

Patient-Speak

Hairfall can be traumatic, more so for a person in showbiz. Singer Anaida knows the feeling too well: Over the years, she realised she was suffering massive hairfall. “I tried several therapies, even using minoxidil,” she said. But none helped. She then heard about mesotherapy (injecting medicines into scalp) in a Singapore spa. “I was surprised to hear them say they had imported the drug from Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad,” she said. Her treatment with QR678 is more than half way through. “But I can feel my hair growing thicker.” Isn’t she worried about side-effects? “Doctors assured me it doesn’t even get into the bloodstream,” she said.

Non-Surgical

Hair Additions: This is an hair-bearing contraption that is added to the existing hair or scalp to give a “fuller head of hair” appearance. These additions could be in the form of hair weaves, hair extensions, hair pieces, toupees, non-surgical hair replacements, partial hair prostheses, hair wefts etc.



dermis (the two layers of the skin). “Factors from the hair root shoot signals that are instrumental in the three-stage growth of each hair. The signalling is done by the network of capillaries surrounding the base of the hair follicle that delivers the nutrients—amino acids, vitamins, minerals—necessary for proper functioning,” say Dr Kapoor and Dr Shome. It is this bio-

chemical signal that the duo claim to have developed. The QR 678 story began in Tata Memorial Hospital’s Kharghar research unit. “We were researching the use of nano-particles to cure retinoblastoma, a cancer of the retina. After injecting the particles near the eyes of mice, we found that hair around the eyes had fallen, suggesting that local factors could play a role,” said Dr

Shome. He felt that the reverse—local factors triggering hair growth—could also work. But to isolate one of the hundreds of local protein growth factors that caused hair growth or hair loss was a mammoth task. “Over 18 months, we identified five growth factors and, with the help of IIT-B scientists, synthesised different compositions and proportions,” said Dr Kapoor. A pilot trial among 25 cancer patients with hair loss showed growth. “Thereafter, bigger trials showed over 80% hair growth in about six months in over 90% patients who tried this injection therapy,” said the doctors. Over 700 persons have already undergone QR 678 therapy. Plastic surgeon Dr R Rajput, who specializes in hair transplants, feels that the new methodologies—be it stem cells or epidermal growth factors—have a role to play in hair regeneration. “These methods can only help patients who are not bald. They can have a thinning hairline, but if their hair roots are dead, then there is no technology that can revive it,” he says. The duo, however, claims that their concoction works even on those who have been bald for a while, provided there are some microscopic hair still present in the follicles.

City cops fail to get Nepali aide’s custody from UP again

Vijay V Singh | TNN

Mumbai: The Uttar Pradesh police have failed to hand over the custody of Rajesh Yadav, a close aide of gangster Bharat Nepali, despite two production warrants being issued by a city sessions court. Nepali is an accused in the murder of Chhota Rajan aide Farid Tanasha. The city crime branch will now approach the court for the third time with a request to take cognizance of UP police’s attitude. “Yadav, who is in Faizabad jail for another offence, is using his influence to avoid being brought to Mumbai,” a police officer said. Nepali, who was once associated with Rajan, hatched a conspiracy to kill Tanasha and approached Yadav, who was languishing in jail in UP, as no local shooter was willing to kill Tanasha. Yadav then allegedly contacted his shooter, who executed the killing. The Mumbai police arrested nine accused in the case. The police wanted to interrogate Yadav about his communication with Nepali. Additional commissioner of police (crime), Deven Bharti said, “We want to interrogate Yadav in Tanasha case as he managed the entire operation. We believe he is also involved in other cases.”

State appoints Ombudsmen for rural job scheme

Prafulla Marpakwar | TNN

Mumbai: The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) has ushered in a revolution of sorts in rural India by providing employment to people in the country’s dusty villages. Now, the state has taken a lead in ensuring that many more citizens can benefit from the Act. Maharashtra is probably the first state to appoint Ombudsmen and deputy Ombudsmen in most of its districts for effective monitoring of the centrally-sponsored schemes under the Act. “We have taken a lead and appointed Ombudsmen and deputy Ombudsmen in 19 of the 35 districts,” a senior official told TOI on Saturday. “The remaining districts will soon get Ombudsmen and deputy Ombudsmen. Maharashtra is the first state to initiate this exercise,” the official said. During the drought of 1972, the state government had launched an employment guarantee scheme to provide livelihood to people, particularly in rural parts of Maharashtra. Over 35 years later, the Centre enacted NREGA and asked all state governments to implement the rural employment scheme. While the Union government agreed to fund 90% of the scheme, states had to pitch in the remaining 10%. While the scheme was an instant success, reports about rampant corruption began to emerge. “Complaints started pouring in. However, in the absence of an redressal mechanism, we couldn’t offer much by way of relief to rural workers. It was then decided to appoint an Ombudsman in each district for quick disposal of

complaints,” said the official. The Centre has asked the Ombudsmen to ensure that the scheme is implemented in a transparent manner and that all complaints are addressed in a time-bound manner. In a bid to ensure justice for each and every job-seeker, the Centre has come out with a detailed procedure for the appointment of the Ombudsman and his deputy. The Union government has asked all the states to set up committees, headed by respective chief secretaries, for the appointment of the Ombudsman. Once the committee selects the Om-

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budsman, the state must put up his/her name on its website for suggestions and objections. “The Centre has made it clear that the Ombudsman should be a man of high integrity with at least 20 years’ experience,” said the official. In Maharashtra, during April-May 2010, over three lakh workers benefited from the employment guarantee scheme. At present, there are only 9,000 people working on 1,117 projects. “We pay Rs 100 per person per day under the scheme. In the rainy season, a worker is paid more as few report for work during the monsoon months,” the official added.

Get your used cans recycled from Nov 10

Viju B | TNN

Mumbai: They call it the ‘cenviroment’ initiative. In a unique campaign, can manufacturers have come together to set up points across cities to collect used cans, which will then be sent to recycling plants. The revenue collected will be used to educate the children of rag pickers. The money will also go towards providing rag pickers with medical insurance. The initiative will be launched across eight countries, including India. Collection points will be set up in three cities—Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. The canning industry needs huge quantities of steel and alu-

minum and a lot of the material comes from recycling. India imports around 3 million tons of steel annually. Can manufacturers say that rag pickers play an important role in reducing the scrap imports, which, in turn, reduces the carbon dioxide emission. “Recycling one kg of steel saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 30 hours. Also, recycling one ton of steel can save 1.3 tonne of mining waste,” Atit Bhatia, senior vice-president of Hindustan Tin Works Ltd, said. “The campaign will kick off on November 10 and will be on for a week. We have already got confirmation from international can makers who will participate in this campaign,” Bhatia said.

Runaway teen found at CST

The railway police found a 14-year-old boy who had run away from home at CST on Saturday. Ankit Garde had left his home in Nagpur on Friday and was wandering around CST when the railway police stopped him. The boy is now in a remand home at Dongri. The cops have notified his parents, who will be coming on Monday to pick him up. However, they are still clueless as to why he ran away in the first place. TNN

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J&K street rage claims 102 lives in just 3 months

Three Die In Saturday Clashes

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Srinagar: The toll from three months of street protests against civilian killings in the Valley crossed 100 on Saturday with three more people killed in security forces' firing on protesters and a funeral procession at separate places in Kashmir.

A mourner, Noor Amin Dagg, was killed when forces fired at the funeral procession of a teenager, Maroof Ahmad Nath, who allegedly drowned after security forces chased him to break a procession earlier this week. Police said the security forces fired at the mourners after they attacked a local politician's house in southern Anantnag town.

The police had also registered a case against a ruling National Conference activist, Abdul Rashid Sofi, for leading a mob that rampaged through streets at Tangmarg, setting fire to government buildings and a school on Monday. Five people were killed when the police fired at the arsonists.

Earlier on Saturday, two protesters—Ali Mohammed



A Kashmiri woman mourns the death of a protester in Srinagar

Waza and Ansar-ul-Haq—were killed and several others injured when police fired at protesters blocking the Srinagar-Baramulla highway. One Fayaz Ahmad Naiko, injured on Tuesday in Srinagar, succumbed to his injuries at a hospital. The latest deaths pushed the toll from three months violence to 102.

A strict round-the-clock curfew was, meanwhile, relaxed in Srinagar from 12 pm to 7 pm in areas falling under the jurisdiction of 12 police stations. The authorities reimposed curfew in Batamallo after clashes between security forces and protesters. Elsewhere, hundreds of security personnel, carrying auto-

matic rifles, erected barricades to enforce the curfew for the sixth day. The authorities had called in the army to patrol streets—for the second time this summer—to prevent protests. The move to deploy the army came as the situation seemed to have spiralled out of control with the killing of 17 people in the deadliest day of violence on Monday and the separatists plan to march to security installations on September 21.

The state government had taken a lot of flak for its earlier decision to call in the army to march Srinagar streets—for the first time in two decades—as a symbolic show of force in July.

Stone-throwers' leader is from Mehbooba's party

Srinagar: The role of main opposition PDP in J&K was virtually exposed on Saturday when one of its important leaders was injured while leading a protest and allegedly indulging in stone pelting in South Kashmir.

District president of PDP's youth wing Bilal Ahmad Najar was injured when police opened fire at a violent mob, which was indulging in stone pelting and burning of government property, official spokesman said. As the news of Najar being injured spread, senior PDP leaders tried to cover up his bullet injury and shifted him to a private nursing home, which refused to admit him citing lack of medical facilities.

He was later taken to a government hospital where he was being operated upon. The police are considering registering a case against the PDP leader. The police said Najar was allegedly leading stone pelters who attacked the residence of SP leader Fayaz Ahmad Bhat in Anantnag on Saturday.

While the PDP has been



STONE AGE

refuting allegations about the involvement of its men in the turmoil, the police claim to have dozen dossiers about the involvement of its cadres in the agitation.

Mufti meets Left leaders: PDP leader and former J&K CM Mufti Mohammad Sayeed met top Left leaders over the past two days in his effort to present the ground picture in the state. Sources said Sayeed informed the Left leaders that the state government had failed to deal with the situation that was not simply a law and order issue. **TNN**

Stone-pelters' saga: Poor kids behind bars, the rich bail out

Sameer Arshad | TNN

Mushtaq Ahmad (14), a Class VI dropout, was among thousands who took to streets after Kashmir erupted over an alleged staged encounter and the killing of a teenager in June. He was part of stone-pelting protesters for days till his luck ran out. He was detained and kept at a police station, along with hundreds of other juveniles. While many, who could bribe the cops bailed their kids out, the likes of Mushtaq, whose family from Srinagar's old city can hardly make ends meet, continued to remain behind bars. Worse, the police slapped the Public Safety Act on him and shifted him to a Jammu jail.

Rights groups estimate that hundreds of boys have been detained under the draconian law, which provides for up to two years of preventive detention and has its roots in the pre-independence Defence of India Act, denounced by Mahatma Gandhi as a "draconian and black law enacted to suppress Indians".

Repeal of the Act, along

Many kids have been detained and put along with convicted terrorists at the Srinagar central jail. There, the young may have been converted to the ultras' ideology. Many of these boys might be driving the agitation this time

Raheel Khurshheed
JOURNALIST

with the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act is a key demand of the rights groups, who say such laws have alienated people by giving authorities "a free hand to trample civil liberties".

Human Rights Watch's south Asia researcher Meenakshi Ganguly, who met Mushtaq's family during a fact-finding visit to Srinagar, said the family is too poor and can't even travel to Jammu to meet him. "He's the only son, who dropped out of school to support the family. He used to work as a bus con-

ductor," said Ganguly. She said she met a lot of young children, who were detained and kept at police stations for days. "Often they are detained to scare their family," she said. Ganguly said many like Mushtaq end up in jails where they are kept with criminals, exposing them to grave risks.

Srinagar-based journalist Raheel Khurshheed said the government started detaining young protesters since 2008. "Many of these kids were detained with convicted terrorists at Srinagar central jail and may have been converted to their ideology. Many of these brutalised boys may actually be driving the agitation this time," he said, and added that the government refuses to learn from the past.

"They are repeating the same mistake." He warned that leaving children vulnerable to abuse in detention, without access to justice, would fuel the unrest.

PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti raised the issue at the Wednesday's all-party meet and sought an early release of the detainees.

Central team report to decide govt move

Rajeev Deshpande | TNN

New Delhi: While the Congress is waiting to see how the visit of the all-party delegation led by home minister P Chidambaram to J&K goes before considering its next step, it seems to looking to keep its options open in a state where the administration has all but collapsed.

The delegation's visit is expected to give the Centre breathing space as the team comprising senior leaders meets a range of opinion in J&K, including separatists, even though it is not clear if the Hurriyat factions will meet the MPs. In a situation where no "results" can be expected easily, the process itself is seen as being an opportunity for people to vent their grievances as the government tries to restart a dialogue. If the initiative can break a cycle of violence, it would be a significant development.

The option of considering AFSPA's withdrawal is still on the table. Yet, as the visit can

Pak trying to exploit unrest: Army chief

Chennai: Pakistan is trying to take advantage of the unrest in Kashmir as indicated by a few infiltration attempts across the border, army chief General V K Singh said on Saturday. "There have been more attempts at infiltration into J&K in the last two months. There could be some links (between the attempts and the situation in the border state). Pakistan is trying to exploit the situation," Gen Singh said. On AFSPA dilution, Gen Singh said as the Supreme Court observed, the provisions of AFSPA are neither arbitrary nor in violation of the Constitution. **TNN**

only hope to pause the separatist agitation, there is a need to do a lot more and quickly. Congress sources admit that if the situation does not improve, its relations with the National Conference are bound to be come under a scrutiny.

Green clearance for Vedanta's Orissa project suspended

Bhubaneswar: The National Environment Appellate Authority (NEAA) suspended the environmental clearance given to Vedanta's mining project in the eco-sensitive Niyamgiri Hill, home to primitive Dongria Kondh tribe, in Orissa's Kalahandi district. The NEAA had earlier given its clearance to Vedanta on April 28, 2009. On Thursday, it suspended the clearance questioning the authenticity of the project's environment impact assessment report. "It is clear that the Vimta Labs' EIA report of 2005, on the basis of which the EC (environment clearance) was granted, was never in public domain for people to express their views or concerns during the two public hearings held in 2003, leading to non-compliance of the ministry's notification. Furthermore, a perusal of the rapid EIA by Vimta Labs revealed that it lacked analysis in respect of human miseries which the project is likely to inflict," the NEAA judgment said. **TNN**

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New Delhi to have single agency to keep record of property

The New Delhi government took the first step towards creating a fool-proof system to record property titles, in a move that will go a long way in preventing fraudulent registry and takeovers. The Delhi cabinet has approved a draft bill, to introduce a new property titling system. The new legislation proposes to set up a nodal body (the Delhi Urban Property Registration and Titling Recording Authority), to maintain complete records of all properties. Now, the draft bill will go to the home ministry, law ministry and ministry of land resources, for approval. Following that, it will be tabled before the Delhi assembly. This entire process would take at least a year. Under the new system, it is proposed that each property will be issued a digitised unique identification number. A tribunal will also be set up, to resolve disputes relating to immovable properties.

Maharaja Shree Umaid Mills unlocks value through land sale

Kolkata-based LN Bangur Group company, Maharaja Shree Umaid Mills Ltd (MSUM), has sold a part of its land bank located in Jaipur, to Om Metals Infraprojects Ltd for a whopping Rs 158 crores. The company has already commenced work on expanding its weaving and processing facilities and is looking at multiple opportunities, to further strengthen its presence in the apparel segment. The sale of this property is a positive move for the company and one can expect optimal unlocking of value from the balance land bank held by MSUM, in future.

[Investments and more]

DLF to invest Rs 500 crore, on three luxury housing projects

DLF will invest about Rs 500 crore, to develop three ultra-luxury housing projects in Shimla, Kasauli and Goa. According to sources, DLF will develop about 170 villas and 100 flats at these locations under a new brand, 'Sama'. The company will also build two hotels at Kasauli and Goa. The total investment on these three projects would be about Rs 500 crore. The 24 luxury villas in Shimla will be launched first and will be sold to an elite clientele, at a price of about Rs three crore.

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Doling out surplus PF funds means reduced interest rate for 2011-12

Shishir Arya | TNN

Nagpur: The additional amount of Rs 1,600 crore needed to pay depositors the enhanced interest rate of 9.5% for 2010-11 may also see the interest rate on provident fund coming down to 8.5% for the next financial year. "It may not be 8.5% for 2011-12, but there are chances of a downward revision," said a well-placed source in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.

The EPFO's central board of trustees (CBT), which is headed by labour minister Mallikarjun Kharge, took the decision of increasing the interest rates after the surprise discovery of Rs 1,731 crore in the suspense account. The announcement of what could well be a one-time bonanza was made on Wednesday. During discussions at the CBT meeting held on September 15, it was also mooted that 9.5% returns be offered for which over Rs 1600 crore will be needed. There are chances that the figure may go up. "A section of the trustees wanted the interest to be pegged at slightly lower than 9%, but the final decision took it up to 9.5%," said the source.

"With a large chunk of the surplus being used to pay higher interest rates, from next year things may come back to square one and the EPFO may have to revert to 8.5%," added the source. The returns on EPF corpus have been declining over the years as the tenure of high yielding government securities in its portfolio is coming to an end. The government has also stopped any incremental deposit in the special deposit scheme where close to Rs 80,000 crore have been parked, yielding an 8% return. From 12% five years ago, the interest on PF has steadily been lowered.

The surplus amount was discovered after an audit of the account from 1952 on a proposal moved by AD Nagpal, a CBT member.

Delhi School Driver's Sexual Abuse Of Girl, 2 Bros

Kids sans dad became easy prey for accused

Dwipayan Ghosh and Indrani Basu | TNN



THE MONSTER: Lalit being produced at Tiz Hazari in New Delhi on Saturday

IX of a prominent central Delhi school had not yet been traced.

Late on Saturday night, police sources confirmed that two of the accused minors—aged 13 and 14—have been detained for questioning. "We might apprehend all the accused soon if the charges are proved," said DCP (central) Jaspal Singh. Acquaintances of the victim and their neighbours alleged that another classmate of the girl who was travelling in the same van had also been targeted but the investigating officer dismissed all such claims. "Merely levelling allegations is not enough. We need proof," he said.

The cops said there were two reasons why Ratawal could successfully exploit the children—one, they had no father and hence no "strong" guardian to monitor their movements, and two, the three children were the last to get off the van while returning home. According to the police, the entire chain of injecting drugs, molestation, rape, sodomy and even incest began after the children's father passed away two years ago due

to liver failure. The family, with only limited means of income through rent collection, strived for better education and trusted accused Ratawal, who had been dropping the children to the school for the past 12 years. Ratawal though, going by the mother's account, soon began unfolding his designs. "It all started when my daughter was asked to sit at the front. He began touching her, and when the shocked girl could not protest, he offered a sedative-laced chocolate to her one-and-half years ago. My daughter lost consciousness. She woke up in a house in Karol Bagh, along with a senior student who travelled in the same van. Lalit showed her an MMS of her and then raped her. He asked her to keep quiet or else he would put her pornographic photos on the internet," said the victims' mother.

After recording her statement in a court, the victim told reporters that it was after her mother received a vulgar SMS on her mobile that she began to smell something fishy. "When I told uncle (Lalit) that my mother was angry with the message, he gave me a bottle of poison and asked me to mix it with my mother's food. I, however, destroyed it," alleged the girl.

DCP Jaspal Singh said the two boys, too, were forced to have unnatural sex. As Subhas Naagar, who helped the victims lodge a case pointed out, the boys were threatened and even paid to keep silent. "They were drugged and injected. Most of the victimisation took place when they were conscious or semi-conscious." The seven-year-old brother of the girl said he was paid Rs 100 after being abused to "buy whatever he wanted". The mother did speak of the children being forced into incest, but the police denied the claims. "We have not recovered any videos from the accused mobile. However, preliminary investigations point to forced drug abuse by the accused," said DCP Singh.



Police said the entire chain of injecting drugs, molestation, rape, sodomy and even incest of the 12-year-old girl and her brothers, aged 10 and 7, began after the kids' father passed away two years ago due to liver failure. The family, with limited means of income, trusted the accused driver, who had been dropping children to school for the past 12 years

India hands over \$20m to UN for Pak flood relief

United Nations: India has handed over a cheque of \$20 million to UN chief Ban Ki-moon as its contribution for flood relief in Pakistan, saying it remained committed to assisting its neighbour in time of crisis.

37 killed in U'khand rains

Dehradun: Landslides and cloudburst triggered by incessant rain over the past two days claimed 37 lives on Saturday in the Garhwal and Kumaon regions of Uttarakhand. Over 5,000 tourists and pilgrims on Char Dham Yatra routes—Rishikesh-Badrinath and Kedarnath, Rishikesh-Gangotri and Dehradun-Yamunotri—are stranded. TNN



India decided to send the money through the UN after Pakistan requested it to do so as the UN is coordinating the relief and rehabilitation programme. India's envoy to the UN Hardeep Singh Puri said: "The people of India stand by the people of Pakistan in their hour of need. We are committed to assisting the people of Pakistan in all possible ways." AGENCIES

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4	The last date for joining by selected candidates	upto 29/9/2010
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Centralised Employment Notice No. 06/2010
Date of Publication 13.03.2010
Closing Date & Time : 13.04.2010 at 17.30 hrs.
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(Professor K. V. Bhanu Murthy, Head of the Department)

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UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL CLASS RAILWAY APPRENTICES' EXAMINATION 2010
ADDENDUM

Reference Commission's Notification dated 28th August 2010 for Special Class Railway Apprentices' Examination, 2010, it is notified that the closing time-limit for submission of on-line applications in respect of this examination has been extended upto **27th September, 2010 [till 11.59 p.m.]**.

(Kuldeep Kumar Saharawat)
Deputy Secretary
Union Public Service Commission
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UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRIEF NOTICE

Union Public Service Commission will be conducting the Recruitment Test for 10 Posts of Labour Enforcement Officer (Central) in the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Labour and Employment, on **26th September, 2010 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.** Admission Certificates for the abovementioned Recruitment Test are being dispatched.

2. The information regarding Venues of the Recruitment Test is also available on Union Public Service Commission website at <http://www.upsc.gov.in> The admitted candidates, who do not receive the Admission Certificates, may download the "Venue Information" from the abovementioned website and use it for appearing in the Recruitment Test. Such candidates are advised to carry two identical photographs, duly attested by Gazetted Officer, otherwise they may not be allowed to take the Recruitment Test. They may also carry proof of their identity, such as Identity Card etc. to the Venue of the Recruitment Test.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR PGDCM PROGRAMME

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Advani hints at SC route to calm tempers

Says Ayodhya Case Will Go To Apex Court

New Delhi: With less than a week left for the judgement on the Ayodhya title suit, political leaders including BJP's L K Advani and religious bodies on Saturday renewed calls for calm and restraint, underscoring that further legal options will be open and that the case will go to the Supreme Court.

Cautioning people against falling prey to disruptive elements, the leaders stressed that it is not the end of the road for either parties to the suit after the verdict is given and that the apex court was bound



Paramilitary soldiers patrol a street in Ayodhya on Saturday

Fearing arrest, VHP men go underground

Patiala: Fearing arrests ahead of the September 24 Allahabad high court judgment on Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case, 125 Punjab VHP leaders went into hiding on Saturday. VHP's publicity secretary Kumar Sareen said, "Leaders in Delhi have directed us to stay in secret locations." They fear preventive arrests of VHP leaders and workers, he added. VHP has also called a state-level meeting on September 24 to announce its future course of action. TNN

to be approached. "No matter in whose favour the verdict goes, it (case) will go to the Supreme Court," Advani said in Ahmedabad. "I've told my party MPs at the parliamentary party meeting that I would request you to not to speculate. We'll take a decision on what would be the reaction once the court verdict is out," he said.

Jammu & Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said in Jammu that the SC was bound to be approached by parties in case the judgement went against them and appealed to people not to take the law in their own hands. The Indian Union Muslim League, too, appealed to people to respect the verdict and move SC if they have reservations. In a statement, IUML president

and Union minister of state for railways E Ahamed said it is the duty of all sections in a "civilised society" to respect the court verdict and show restraint in their reaction, if any, on such sensitive issues. "IUML appeals to all sections of people to respect the judgement as the judiciary is the epitome of justice for the people of the country," he said.

JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav, who is also convener of the BJP-led NDA, issued an appeal to the people to respect "whatever verdict" the court gives on Ayodhya and urged them to "oppose all those who create trouble" on the issue.

Asked if he was sure that the VHP and Bajrang Dal will not create trouble if the court judgement does not go as they

want, Yadav said, "whoever they are. I do not want to take names but it is not proper to create tension in society on this issue." The Centre has already appealed to all the parties to maintain peace.

Advani meets Amit Shah in jail: Senior BJP leader L K Advani and state BJP in-charge Balbir Punj on Saturday met former Gujarat minister Amit Shah, an accused in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh fake encounter case, in Sabarmati jail. The two later went to Shah's house to meet his family. "The Centre is using CBI as a tool to defame our government which is absolutely incorrect. People will give them a reply," he said. AGENCIES

► Beyond Ground Zero, P 22

INDIA DIGEST



IRON LADY: Divya Ajith Kumar after receiving the 'Sword of Honour' during the passing out parade at the Officers' Training Academy in Chennai on Saturday. Kumar became the first woman cadet to bag the distinction in the history of the Indian Army

Rathore again seeks parole

Former Haryana DGP S P S Rathore, serving an 18-month jail term in the Ruchika Girhotra molest-ation case, has moved a fresh application seeking parole. He has sought release on health grounds and to look after his agricultural land ahead of the sowing season. In his fresh plea submitted before the jail authorities, the disgraced former DGP has pleaded that there was no one to look after his around 15 acre family land at Badhaur village in Raipurani area of Panchkula district.



AP judge calls off resignation

Justice C V Nagaraj Reddy who resigned on Friday to protest the "three-day attack" on the Andhra HC by Telangana advocates is believed to have withdrawn his resignation. The change of mind came after a discussion with HC chief justice Nisar Ahmad Kakru on Saturday.

Telgi gets 7 yrs' RI: A special court in Bangalore on Friday sentenced Abdul Karim Telgi to seven years of rigorous imprisonment in a 2001 multi-crore fake stamp paper scam.

Grenade at Guwahati rly strn: A major disaster was averted when government railway police recovered a grenade from a track near platform number 1 at Guwahati railway station on Saturday. It was later defused.

Train knocks down girl: A moving train knocked down a teenage girl who was carelessly crossing the railway track while talking on her cellphone near Dum Dum Cantonment station in Kolkata on Friday.

Tremors felt in north India: Tremors were felt in several parts of north India, especially in J&K, after an earthquake

measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale hit the Hindukush region of Afghanistan around 12.51 am.

Jailor killed by inmate in Raj: The jailor of Jodhpur central jail, Bharat Bhushan Bhat, was killed by a jail inmate inside the prison complex on Saturday night.

3 die of drug reaction: Three people died after being administered drugs at a primary health centre and a government hospital near Madikeri in Karnataka on Saturday, triggering protests by the public.

Tiger cub dies in K'taka park: A three-month-old tiger cub died on Friday evening at the Bannerghatta National Park on the outskirts of Bangalore, raising the toll of wild cats to five in the past week.

2 more letter threats to Jaya: AIADMK-backed Jaya TV on Saturday said it had received two more letters threatening the life of party chief Jayalalithaa and asked police to provide security to her and the channel.

No bail for BHU accused: A Varanasi court on Saturday rejected the bail plea of the four BHU students who were arrested on Thursday for ragging a physically challenged student.

Ahmedabad says yes to single fathers

Gives Birth Cert Sans Mom Name

Radha Sharma | TNN

Ahmedabad: The birth certificate of Gema, a girl delivered in Bavishi Hospital in Paldi, Ahmedabad, states Rafael Gutierrez of Spain as her father but leaves the space against 'Mother' blank. Rafael is the first official single father as far as Ahmedabad is concerned. Gema was conceived with unknown egg donor and carried and delivered by a surrogate. So technically she has no mother!



► Gema was conceived with unknown egg donor and carried and delivered by a surrogate. So technically she has no mother!

► Even her birth certificate, issued in Ahmedabad, mentions only her father's name, paving the way for easier paperwork for single fathers in future

Usually, in the case of newborns, the mother is always bona fide and it is paternity that is sometimes questioned, but Gema's is a special case. "When we sent Rafael's papers to Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), they had to refer the case to the state government for approval since the name of the mother was absent. But the authorities have cleared and the father got the certificate sans the mother's name. This is encouraging for assisted reproduction", says Dr Himanshu Bavishi of Bavishi Hospital, and paves the way for easier paper work for single fathers coming to Ahmedabad for getting a child through IVF.

The number of men seeking to become single fathers is rising. "Single fathers now get birth certificates which carry only their name and not of the mother. I have helped five single men become fathers through IVF. It is a growing trend that many men do not want to get married but want to experience parenthood", says surrogacy specialist Dr Naina Patel of Anand.

New stent technology revolutionary: Expert

Kounteya Sinha | TNN

New Delhi: Dr Ashok Seth, chairman of Escorts Heart Research Institute, has called the biodegradable drug-delivering stent, which is to undergo trial, the fourth revolution in interventional cardiology technology.

According to Dr Seth, the bioresorbable vascular scaffold (BVS) technology is "truly revolutionary". Research has found it to be both good and safe as metal stents are mostly made of stainless steel or cobalt. The new stents are made of polylactic acid, which is a proven biocompatible material. For instance, once the artery is opened, the stent will dissolve into carbon dioxide and water—both entities naturally used by the body and which do not cause side effects.

Results from the earlier ABSORB trial have demonstrated that Abbott's bioabsorbable stent successfully treated coronary artery disease, and the treated vessel could expand and contract after two years, indicating that the device had been fully absorbed. Besides, there were no cases of thrombosis (blood clot formation) and new major cardiac events between six months and two years. "If the bioabsorbable stent performs well in this large final trial with more complex narrowings, it will become the new standard of care for patients with coronary artery disease," Dr Seth said.

'We have many honest judges'

► From P 1

Former attorney general Soli J Sorabjee has an interesting take on Shanti Bhushan's application. He said the senior Bhushan's application seeking contempt proceedings against himself was nothing but "filial loyalty, irresistible itch for martyrdom and ravages of old age". Before Prashant Bhushan dealt with the 'evidence' part in his affidavit, there was an unambiguous clarification that he had no intention of painting "the entire judiciary or the entire SC with the same brush".

"I believe that the SC has had and continues to have many outstanding judges and Chief Justices, due to whose tireless efforts we have been able to hold on to some of our cherished fundamental rights and continue to be regarded as a nation governed by the rule of law. It is mainly because of them that people in this country still turn to the courts," he said. But he did carefully compile the judgments in various cases and attempted to substantiate his allegations by bringing out alleged favouritism shown by various ex-CJs to particular clients and said that these were openly talked about in the corridors of the SC. Why did no advocate who participated in the corridor gossip ever feel strongly enough to bring it to the notice of the public or the SC? He said: "It is exceedingly difficult to get documentary evidence of corruption in higher judiciary. This is also the reason that no probe is allowed into charges of corruption against higher judiciary."

Foreign Lessons To Woo Girls For MBA

33% women's quota in B-schools abroad

Seethalakshmi S & Shruthi Balakrishna | TNN

Bangalore: Women make great managers and B-schools worldwide are even raising the quota regularly to ensure more girls enrol in MBA courses. The reservation for women ranges from 27% to 33%. In India, there's no fixed quota for girls in B-schools though they have reservation for other categories.

For instance, HEC Paris (Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Paris), a top B-school in Europe, reserved 27% of seats for girls for admission to its MBA programme this year. The reservation for girls vary 27% and 31% every year.

Pierrette Doz-Perdix, business development manager, HEC, said in Bangalore on Saturday, "Women are confident of their skills. Studies have proved that women go for higher studies once they have the right skills. They think before they take on the next role and make for great managers. With the right kind of opportunities and talent, women students perform really well. It makes for diversity in the classroom," she says.

INSEAD in Singapore believes a successful world economy demands diversity in management thinking. Committed to increasing number of women in leadership positions, on an average the INSEAD MBA programme has 33% women in each class, a percentage that's rising every year.

Similarly, Cornell University's Johnson School includes partnerships to reach out to women and encourages them to apply. The institute has a Women's Power

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Pierrette Doz-Perdix
BUSINESS DEV MANAGER, HEC

Lunch for current students to network with each other, female faculty and prominent alumnae.

This B-school partners with the Johnson School Women's Management Council and other graduate professional programmes. Johnson Women in Business (JWIB) is a new event involving woman students on campus. At JWIB, students learn about MBA programmes, get insights on how to position oneself as top women candidates for MBA admissions, understand what the business school experience is like from current Johnson women, and network with female Johnson School faculty, staff and alumni.

"Some colleges and women universities in India do offer MBA programmes. There are opportunities for women. We see that women candidates have strong communication and qualitative analytical skills. If the weightage is more for the verbal section during selection, more women will score higher. Women who get selected for the interview and GD perform better and most easily clear these two rounds," says Prof Ganesh Prabhu of IIM-Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT

No 264/P.S./Camp/2010 Dehradun : Dated 16 September, 2010

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राज्य शासन ने सामाजिक, समरसता यथा सभी वर्गों में समभाव, सौहार्द, समाज सेवा के स्थाई कार्य जैसे अस्पताल, धर्मशाला, पेयजल, स्वच्छता एवं सामाजिक विकास के अन्य स्थाई स्वरूप के कार्यों में जनभागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने, सामाजिक चेतना का अच्छा वातावरण विकसित करने के योगदान को प्रोत्साहित करने की दृष्टि से, अखिल भारतीय "महाराजा अग्रसेन सम्मान" की स्थापना की है। वर्ष 2010 के लिए उक्त पुरस्कार प्राप्त करने के लिए एक व्यक्ति के चयन हेतु सर्वसंबंधितों से दिनांक 05 अक्टूबर, 2010 सायं 5.00 बजे तक प्रविष्टियों आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त पुरस्कार की राशि रुपये 2.00 लाख (रुपये दो लाख) चयनित एक व्यक्ति को नागद, सम्मान प्रतीक चिन्ह से युक्त पदटिका, प्रशस्ति के रूप में दी जायेगी।

2/ उक्त पुरस्कार राज्य शासन द्वारा नियुक्त निर्णायक मंडल (जुरी) द्वारा चयन होने पर ही दिया जाएगा। पुरस्कार हेतु प्रविष्टि निम्नांकित अपेक्षाओं की पूर्ती करने हुए प्रस्तुत की जाए :-

- व्यक्ति का पूर्ण परिचय।
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 - चयन होने की दशा में सम्मान ग्रहण करने के बारे में व्यक्ति की लिखित सहमति।
3. प्रविष्टि निम्नलिखित पते पर प्रस्तुत करें :-
जी.एल. सांकला,
अवर सचिव, छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग,
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Gujarat State Project Management Unit, Gujarat Ecology Commission

Block No. 18, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROJECT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

For selection and appointment of Consultants to carry out baseline survey for the 160 villages of Kachchh, Rajkot and Jamnagar districts of Gujarat State selected as a part of Socio-economic upliftment project under World Bank assisted ICZM project for the State Project Management Unit (SPMU), Gujarat to create baseline data for the social front.

REOI No. SPMU/Guj/01 Date : September 15, 2010

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest has received a credit from the International Development Association of the World Bank for Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for the Consultancy Services referred below.

The Government of Gujarat will implement the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project in Gujarat.

The Gujarat State Project Management Unit (SPMU), Gujarat Ecology Commission have been identified as nodal office by Ministry of Environment and Forest to exclusively lead and coordinate project activities at state level on a full time basis and directly implement some of the project sub components. The objective of the consultancy services is To carry out baseline survey for the 160 villages located in the Rajkot, Jamnagar and Kachchh districts of the Gujarat State, to create baseline information on socio-economic conditions of selected villages under Socio-economic upliftment project of Gujarat Ecology Commission under ICZM programme.

The Additional Project Director, State Project Management Unit, Gujarat Ecology Commission now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (Organizational Profile, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, strength of staff etc.). Consultants may associate with other consultants to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines : Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, May 2004 and Revised October 2006 and May 2010. In accordance with paragraph 2.7 of the Guidelines for the Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, the short list for this assignment may comprise entirely of national consultants. However foreign consultants may also express interest for consideration. For that effect, all interested firms are informed that all documents, including the Request for Proposals, the Proposal and consultant's contract for the proposed assignment will be issued in English, and contract price and corresponding payments will be in Indian Rupees.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 1030 to 1330 hours during working days or visit www.gec.gov.in

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 30th September-2010 up to office hours.
Addl. Director & Director (GEC)
Gujarat Ecology Commission
(A State Project Management Unit)
Block No. 18, 1st Floor,
Udyog Bhavan, Sector-11,
Gandhinagar-382011.
Phone : 079-23257656 Fax : 079-23257657
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‘Docs, clinicians on a par in villages’

3 Yrs Of Training, But ‘Legal Quacks’ As Good As MBBS

Rema Nagarajan
TIMES INSIGHT GROUP

It’s official. At the primary healthcare level, there is no difference in the performance of MBBS doctors with five-and-a-half years’ training and non-physician clinicians with three-year training, called “legal quacks” by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).

A study in Chhattisgarh compared the performance of different types of clinical care providers at the primary care level. Following the government’s decision to start three-year Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BRHC) courses to train clinicians for primary healthcare, especially in rural areas, a study was conducted by the Public Health Foundation of India, the

Medical college teachers will now retire at 70

Bangalore: The panel which has replaced the Medical Council of India has recommended that the requirement of 25 acres of land to start a medical college be brought down to 10 acres. A member of the panel, headed by Dr S K Sarin, said, “To address the acute faculty shortage, the retirement age of teachers has been raised from 65 to 70 years.”

The committee, which met on Saturday, also decided to reduce the mandatory number of beds from 1,500 to 900 for a teaching hospital with 250 students. “The mandatory hostel requirement for medical colleges will also be eased. Colleges can now construct hostels in the 5-km radius. The idea is to add 10,000 more medical seats. We want more colleges to come up, specially government institutions,” he said. According to sources in the committee, India requires 500 more medical colleges. “If 100 colleges are added every year for the five years, we’ll have adequate number of doctors by 2025. Right now, India has a shortage of 7.5 lakh doctors,” the member said. **TNN**

National Health Systems Resource Centre and the State Health Systems Resource Centre in Chhattisgarh comparing MBBS graduates, the three-year trained non-physician clinicians or rural medical assis-

tants (RMAs), ayurveda unani siddha and homeopathy (AYUSH) physicians.

India faces a shortage of six lakh doctors, felt more acutely in rural areas as two-thirds of all medical personnel are con-

centrated in urban areas. The health ministry proposed a three-year bachelor of rural medicine and surgery course to cope with the shortage.

The IMA objected to this saying it was “a frontal attack on the profession”. However, the study findings suggest medical officers (MBBS graduates) and RMAs are equally competent to manage conditions commonly seen in primary care settings. AYUSH medical officers are less competent and paramedics the least competent. This was observed for infectious, chronic and maternal health conditions and for a range of patient types—infants, children, adults. These results hold even after taking into account various individual, facility and location characteristics. This relative performance was consistently found in all aspects of out-patient care—history taking, examination, investigation, diagnosis, prescription and home recommendations.

Radar coverage gaps create blind spots on air routes

Incorrect Location Of Radar, Hilly Terrain Make Signals Weak

V Ayyappan | TNN

Chennai: Near misses as in the case of the Visakhapatnam-Chennai Kingfisher flight and Chennai-Visakhapatnam Jet Airways flight that flew at the same altitude on a collision course have become alarmingly frequent as a result of blind spots in the sky due to inadequate radar coverage.

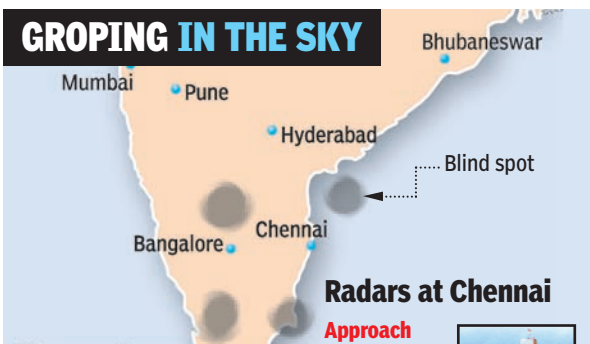
A blind spot is a stretch on a route where flights often vanish from the monitors of air traffic controllers. Such zones are seen as vulnerable to dangerous situations although all commercial airlines have traffic collision avoidance systems (TCAS) installed onboard to warn pilots of aircraft in the vicinity, say experts.

On Wednesday, the Kingfisher pilot was the first to spot the other aircraft coming towards him at the same level and called Chennai air traffic control which, by then, had also noticed that the two aircraft were at the same altitude. The ATC instructed the Kingfisher aircraft to climb before the TCAS could sound an alarm.

In June, a mid-air collision was similarly averted only after the TCAS sounded a collision warning inside the cockpits of a Chennai-Madurai Air India aircraft and a Thiruvananthapuram-Chennai Jet Airways aircraft. The two were flying through another radar blind spot when the incident happened.

In the absence of radar coverage over such areas, where air traffic goes unmonitored for several kilometres, safety clearly hinges on the collision avoidance system. The trouble spots in the south are over Madurai and Tiruchi on the Chennai-Thiruvananthapuram route, over Mangalore and Bellary on the Chennai-Mumbai route, over Bangalore and Hyderabad on the Chennai-Delhi route and over the sea 150 miles from Visakhapatnam on the Chennai-Kolkata and Chennai-Visakhapatnam route.

The Chennai-Delhi and Chennai-Mumbai routes are



Blind spots: Areas in air space where aircraft cannot be monitored due to lack of coverage. Blind spots found on most busy air routes

Radars at Chennai

Approach radar: Used to handle landings and take-offs and has a range of around 60 nautical miles

Secondary Surveillance Radar: Has a range of 250 nautical miles and is used to monitor overflying aircraft in south

Oceanic radar: Used to monitor aircraft flying over Bay of Bengal where normal radar coverage is not possible. Hence, ATC uses data communication

Pilots complied with air traffic controller instruction, says Kingfisher Airlines

Kingfisher Airlines has said pilots of the Vizag-Chennai flight IT 2486 were told to fly at 15,000 feet on departure by the Visakhapatnam ATC and that they had fully complied with the instructions of the ATC unit over whose airspace they were flying during the entire flight. In a statement, Kingfisher said, “When the aircraft came within radio range of the Chennai ATC, our pilots established contact with the Chennai ATC and spotted the other aircraft well in time and even before the TCAS system could trigger an automated alert, the Chennai ATC asked our pilots to climb to FL 160 (flight level of 16,000 feet) which they complied with immediately.” **TNN**

specially problematic because of the presence of Bangalore, Hyderabad and Mangalore airports. Aircraft coming in to land or take off from these airports often intersect the routes. Efficient radar coverage is crucial here, said an official.

However, poor radar signals make efficient monitoring of some routes impossible.

Chennai’s area air traffic control uses an aging secondary surveillance radar with a range of 250 nautical miles to monitor traffic movement over the whole region. Flights overflying Bangalore and Hyderabad are also monitored using the Chennai area radar.

“Blind spots are there because the radar is weak and

also the placement of the Chennai radar is not correct. Its signals are blocked by the Pallavaram hills. Similarly, the Thiruvananthapuram radar’s signals are blocked by Western Ghats,” said V Krishnan, former office bearer of Air Traffic Controllers Guild.

Due to such problems, blind spots often vanish and reappear erratically on the monitors of air traffic controllers. It is on such stretches that pilots get most of the traffic advisories that inform them about presence of another aircraft within a 40-mile radius, said a Jet Airways pilot.

Based on the flight plan filed by airlines and information relayed by airports, air traffic controllers periodically use radio communication to establish the height of aircraft where radar signals are erratic. “Controllers know where these blind spots are. They do not trust the blips that appear on the screen, instead they call up the pilot to find out the level and location of the aircraft,” said an airport official.

Similarly, pilots have a responsibility to relay their flight level to the destination airport. According to Kingfisher airlines, the pilot of Vizag-Chennai flight initially had difficulty contacting the frequency of the Chennai air traffic control because of congestion, on Wednesday. If the frequency of an air traffic control is not reachable, pilots often relay their location and position to another aircraft flying by and tell them to pass it on to the ATC.

Some of the problems are likely to be addressed with the installation of a new area radar in Chennai soon. “The new radar that is being installed is expected to eliminate the blind spots,” said an Airports Authority of India (AAI) official. AAI regional executive director D Devaraj said the blind spots were not much of a problem as technology had improved. “Future aircraft will have automatic dependence surveillance that will make monitoring efficient,” he said.

Ramya Sarma

Once upon a time if you needed something ironed, you could send it down to the street-corner istri-wala and have it back within minutes, warm and smelling vaguely of charcoal and camphor. This was a comfort during the monsoon, when clothes never really dried properly and the general atmosphere of dank sank like a cloud over the house.

Today, street corners are more likely to house a PCO or a fast food delivery kitchen, many of the istri-walas having bloomed into full-scale laundries/dry cleaners or moved.

The service is still available, but not as easily. One reason for this—apart from the fact that stylish non-iron drip-dry clothing is so widely available in chain stores—is the affordability and availability of irons that can help even the busiest executive do the job at home. And yes, these can even be bought over the Internet, with many discounts and special offers.

This basic household small appliance comes with various factors that any buyer will need to check on. Many people visiting the United States bring back an iron with all the bells and whistles, and then find that the wattage is not

A pressing need

right and a transformer is needed. And wattage plays a star role in the price point too, since the higher the watts, the hotter the iron can get, thus the easier and quicker the

A drop of perfume in the reservoir water can make your clothes smell better, but make sure to clean the iron properly

IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT...IRON

ironing will be.

Essentially, an iron is best if it can give you, the ironer, steam, an easy-to-fill water reservoir, a non-stick soleplate (the bottom of the iron which touches the fabric), variable heat/fabric settings and other optional features, like automatic switch-off, a light/sound indicator that flashes or beeps to say the iron is ready for use, et al. Of course, the warranty of the gadget must be checked.

Ironing is a necessary chore, but is based on science. The heat generated serves to loosen

the chemical bonds between long-chain polymer molecules in fabric, while the weight of the appliance stretches and straightens them, thus making the cloth flat and smooth as it cools.

Sometimes the molecules need to be nudged apart by water, which is where a steam iron comes in handy, best for cottons, linens and pure silks. Synthetic materials have a lower melting point, which is why they smell when ironed and may cringe away from the heat by shrivelling up. Ironing also can be used to dry clothing and kill some small bugs or germs, but is not a good way to straighten hair, even though the gadget that does that is also called an ‘iron’.

The market has dry irons and the more popular steam/spray irons on offer, with a few travel irons also available. The last will be small, compact and usually not use steam, making it easy to pack and take through airport customs without trouble, unlike the average knuckleduster or set of batteries. Most commonly seen in department stores like Hypercity or Big Bazaar, or in electronics outlets like

Croma, Kings, Vijay Sales or Kohinoor, they come in a bewildering range of options, from colour to capacity, brand, service record and so much more. Some of the most commonly seen include—from Black & Decker: steam iron X775 (1,918), X1015 auto shut-off steam iron (2,961), X1015 auto shut-off steam iron (2,961), X1060 1900 W cordless iron (3,487); from Panasonic: NI-S200TS steam iron (1,649), NI-W410TS steam iron (2,859), NI-S500TS steam iron (2,089); from Philips: 3,300 series steam iron (4,195), 2500 series steam iron, dripstop (2,995), Azur steam iron (5,295), travel iron (1,795, steam boost), 1,700 series steam iron (3,095); from Morphy Richards: Astra: (750 watts, 545), Senora (1,000 watts, 599), Orbit travel iron (1,795), * Comfigrip Precise Control (3,995), Comfi-grip Pro (2,995) and other like the Anjali Ecopress (585), Magic Sleek dry iron (470), Bajaj non-stick iron (890), Kenstar dry iron (450), Maharaja White-line steam iron with ceramic coating (889), the funky Birla Lifestyle BEL-9023 cordless iron (1,615) and the Mini travel iron (449).

There are too many to list completely, but read the fine print, choose your colour and get set to press!

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CENTRAL RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (PURCHASE TENDERS)
ADVERTISEMENT TENDER NOTICE No: e-22/2010 dated 16-09-2010 (Sr.No.578 to 595)
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
The following advertised tenders have been floated through e-Procurement. Tenderers are requested to visit the web-site www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers electronically. It may be noted that offers submitted on paper manually or the offers sent by post shall not be entertained. Closing time is 11.30 Hrs. on the date of opening fixed for the respective tenders. (A) The tender document cost (NON-REFUNDABLE) as indicated against the tenders & the EMD amount is acceptable in form of Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque in favour of Chief Cashier C.Rly. Mumbai CST. (B) For detailed description of the tenders as well as tender conditions, log on to Central Railway's Website www.centralrailwayonline.com (C) Following Symbols mentioned against the tender No. represent the purchase restrictions (Items Reserved for procurement from approved sources) RDSO #, NSIC #, CLW #, ICF #, C.R.LY. #, DLW (I), CEE #, RCF (I), CORE #, TEC (I), CEE/CRC and CEE/WR #, GM/I, DMW #, ISO 9000 certified # (D) Word (Safety) in bracket, mentioned against the tender No. indicates that it is a Safety item.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.
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579	11092505 # (Safety)	Hanger for bolster spring suspension to ICF Drg. No. T-0-5-639.ALT.G/11. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 2000/-).	12184 Nos.
580	13083113	Sealed Window glass unit for wider window. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 500/-).	1190 Nos.
581	15108046 #	Single section digital axle counter with spare along with mfg. Installation CD. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	8 Nos.
582	47105149 \$	Set of flexible hose for air pipe lines of electric loco. Comprising of 7 items 34 Nos. per set. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 11000/-).	300 Sets.
583	47107363	Centre pivot Assy. complete with bottom cross plate, inside cross support, plug holes and side brackets. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 500/-).	30 Nos.
DUE ON 22-10-2010			
584	07101099 #	Set of taper roller bearing assembly for TM suspension unit of Hitachi WHEELset type HS-1525O.A. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 2000/-).	90 Sets.
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586	17103087 #	Metallised carbon strip for pantograph. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	1198 Nos.
587	47106885 \$	Electro pneumatic motor contactor type 112.03 [Current rating 1500 AMPS] (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	60 Nos.
DUE ON 25-10-2010			
588	12102330 #	Load acid train lighting coils of 2V, 525AH capacity (56 coils to comprise on set of 110V, 525AH battery). (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	4 Sets.
589	47105128 #	Set of single section field coil assy. of commutating pole with potted pole shoes for HS 15250 stator. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	24 Sets.
590	47105129 #	Set of single section field coil assembly of main pole with potted pole shoes for HS 15250. (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	12 Sets.
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594	32091704 # (Safety)	Polymide Film backed uniform mica tape type Stolica "T" or equivalent (One set consists of 700 mtrs.). (Tender Documents Cost ₹ 1000/-).	224 Sets.
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Corrigendum
Kindly refer Advt. No. 20/2010 Sr. No. 557 Tender No. 23098502 due on 08.10.2010 read Tender Documents Cost ₹ 500/- only
"Important notice on e-Procurement system to registered vendors of Central Railway & other vendors"
1.0 The e-Procurement system is fully functional on Central Railway. The Bulletin tenders have also been taken on e-Procurement system. No manual offer against Bulletin Tenders will be accepted. 2.0 In order to participate in all the tenders of e-procurement system, the registered vendors of Central Railway are required to obtain Digital Signature Certificate of Class-III from any of the licensed certifying authority. The details of the certifying authorities are available on web-site www.cca.gov.in. It is also mandatory for all the suppliers to get themselves registered on CRIS web-site www.ireps.gov.in for participation in EPS tenders. All vendors are requested to participate in Bulletin Tenders through EPS. IP-345
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CORRIGENDUM - 1
Tender Notice No.: SECR/HQ/IT/CM-T/INET/Upgrade/1/654
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The following corrigendum is issued to the above mentioned tender notice.

May please be read as	Instead of
1. A pre-bid open session meeting with the intending tenderers will be held at 11:00 hrs. on 29.09.2010 in the office of Chief Manager (IT)/SEC Railway/Bilaspur. The intending tenderers who satisfy the qualifying criteria may attend the pre-bid session meeting.	NIL
2. Availability of Tender form: From 07.10.2010 (during office working hours) up to 12:00 hrs. of 27.10.2010.	Availability of Tender form: From 15.09.2010 (during office working hours) up to 12:00 hrs. of 29.09.2010
3. Closing and opening of tender: The tenders can be dropped in the tender box provided at the office of the Chief Manager (IT)/SECR/Bilaspur during office working hours up to 15:00 hrs of 27.10.2010 and this will be opened at 15:30 hrs on 27.10.2010 at the office of the Chief Manager (IT)/SECR/Bilaspur.	Closing and opening of tender: The tenders can be dropped in the tender box provided at the office of the Chief Manager (IT)/SECR/Bilaspur during office working hours up to 15:00 hrs of 29.09.2010 and this will be opened at 15:30 hrs on 29.09.2010 at the office of the Chief Manager (IT)/SECR/Bilaspur.

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.
CPRI10/ZAK/316
By Chief Manager (IT)
Indian Railways - The Lead Partner of Delhi- 2010 Commonwealth Games

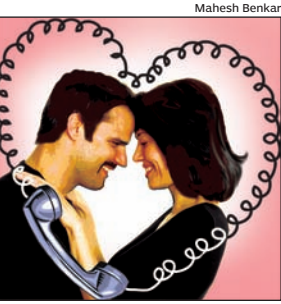
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (R&D ORGANISATION)
CENTRE FOR FIRE, EXPLOSIVE & ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
DELHI [INDIA]
Phone: 91-11-23907162/111/205 Fax: 91-11-23819547
GLOBAL TENDER
Tender No. CFEEs/MMG/GT/003/10-11 DATED 01 Sept 2010
Sealed tenders are invited on behalf of the President of India, by the Director, CFEEs, from reputed Manufacturers / Suppliers of following items. The bids should be made in **Two Bid Pattern** i.e. Techno-Commercial & Price Bid in separate envelopes:

Sl. No.	Tender No. Reference	Nomenclature of the Item	Qty	Tender Fee	Earnest Money (in Rupees)
01.	FE/ATEG/B/GT/029/10-11	EXCIMER LASER	01 No.	Rs. 500/-	1,40,000.00
02.	LP/ESG/P/GT/040/10-11	DESKTOP SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE	01 No.	Rs. 100/-	96,000.00

NOTE:
A) Issue of Tender Documents : All working days w.e.f. 20.09.2010 (1400 hrs. to 1600 hrs.)
B) Last Date of Obtaining Tender Documents : 19.10.2010
C) Last Date of Submission of Tender : 20.10.2010 (upto 1300 hrs.)
D) Date of Tender Opening (Techno-Commercial Bid only) : 20.10.2010 at 1400 hrs.
1. Tender documents with detailed specifications of the item & terms and conditions can be obtained through their authorized Reps by the firms from this office against written request in the name of the DIRECTOR, CFEEs, BRIG S.K. MUZUMDAR ROAD, TIMARPUR, DELHI-110054 (INDIA). The request should be accompanied with crossed DD for Rs. 100/- or 500/- only as applicable and Rs. 150/- or 550/- (in case of by post) as cost of tender form (non-refundable) drawn in favour of Director, CFEEs, Delhi. CFEEs will however, not be responsible for any kind of postal/Transit delay for either obtaining or submission of tender documents.
2. Request for tender documents should contain a certificate that the bidder is not debarred or blacklisted by any Govt. Department / Ministry and the supplies will be made by invoking genuine documents/licenses.
3. Non-transferable tender documents comprising of Techno-Commercial and other conditions for each item may be downloaded from DRDO website www.drdo.org. However, downloaded tender documents should be accompanied by cost of tender document and the requisite EMDs mentioned against each item.
4. **Tender Fee & EMD:** Tender fee in respect of downloaded tender form wherever applicable and EMD will be enclosed in a separate envelope duly superscribed "Tender Fee/EMD" and enclosed in the envelope containing Techno-Commercial Bid. Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bids in separate sealed envelopes will be submitted for all the items. The envelope containing Techno-Commercial Bid should give details of Technical specification, terms & conditions, Mode of payment etc. but no price.
5. The techno-commercial Bids should contain Price Bids. The envelopes should be superscribed "Techno-Commercial / Price Bids" sealed and placed in one bigger envelope. The envelope containing both the sealed bids should be superscribed on top Tender for Advt. No. CFEEs/MMG/GT/003/01-11, Due Date alongwith name of the item for which it is being submitted. **Separate quotation should be submitted for each item.**
6. The Techno-Commercial Bids will be opened on 20 Oct 2010 at 1400 hrs. Representative of vendors may attend the opening of Tender.
7. **Payment Terms & Conditions:-** As per Tender Documents.
8. **Guidelines for Price Bid**
(i) Vendors are requested to specify & quote the exact tax percentage leviable and also clearly quote exact Customs Duty/Excise duty.
(ii) Negotiations will be done with lowest bidder only.
(iii) Original manufacturer should quote directly as per rule. However, any Indian representative/agent submitting quotation for their principal should enclose legal agreement with the principal, clearly indicating agency commission charged for the services provided.
(iv) All agents/representatives are required to be registered with MOD/DRDO LAB/Estt/DGS&D as an agent. All information with respect to agents/representatives and agency commission will be sent to the Enforcement Directorate, Govt. of India.
(v) Agency commission in India will be paid in Indian Rupees only.
9. The contractor is required to submit the Security Deposit of a value of 10% of total cost, in the event of acceptance of his tender. On receipt of the Security Deposit only Supply Order will be released.
10. For all items, quotations of established brands from the original equipment manufacturers or their authorized dealers only will be accepted.
11. Foreign vendors must quote both FOB/FCA and FOR CFEEs price. All duties, taxes etc. should be mentioned separately. If vendor fails to quote FOR CFEEs price, 10% price will be loaded to FOB/FCA basis for the purpose of bid evaluation. Director, CFEEs reserves the right to place order on any delivery terms.
12. Indian vendors must quote FOR CFEEs price. All duties, taxes etc. should be mentioned separately.
Sd/- Dy Head MMG For DIRECTOR
davp 10301/11/0352/1011

India's first relationship helpline for troubled ties

Pune: Hectic lifestyle, pressure at home and work as well as the trials and tribulations of the modern age may sometimes lead to troubled relationships. But if people struggling with their relationships are given a chance to speak their mind, things can improve dramatically. This is the concept behind Rishita, which claims to be the country's first "relationship helpline"—launched from Pune on September 11, on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.



"It is an endeavour to reach out to people struggling with relationship problems before they become chronic or reach a crisis point," Dimple Shah, a practising psychotherapist who has started the venture in association with an advisory panel of professionals drawn from various fields, says.

"In my 15 years of work as a psychotherapist, I have seen that inter-personal relation has emerged as the single most crucial factor affecting performance, health and harmony in life," she said. While most helplines deal with specific crisis issues and groups, (such as suicide or domestic violence) "there is not a single helpline dealing with relationship issues," she said. AGENCIES

Dip in fratricide in armed forces

No. Of Suicides Also Dropped In 2009

Bhama Devi Ravi | TNN

Chennai: Incidence of fratricide in the armed forces, which was on the increase in the previous decade, is finally showing signs of decline. According to statistics, 2009 has been a watershed year with fratricide levels coming down to zero from an average of 12 in previous years. Suicide levels have also dropped appreciably to 9 per lakh personnel in 2009 from 11.5 per lakh in previous years.

"2006 was the high point for both crimes, according to the Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), which undertook a two-year study to identify the causes," Dr W Selvamurthy, chief controller, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), told TOI.

The defence ministry has since taken action on the recommendations of the study presented in 2008, including appointing more psychologists, debriefing personnel returning from leave and instituting a process to offer unscheduled breaks from work. Selvamurthy said the drop in suicide and fratricide rates was indication that the new policy was showing results.

"Compared to the US armed forces, which average 17 suicides per one lakh personnel, in India the numbers have fallen from 2008," he added. Impressed by the results, defence minister A K Anthony has now set the target for 2010 at 8 per lakh of personnel. The total number of armed forces personnel in India is around 13 lakh.

Among the measures introduced by the armed forces to combat stress is a psychological test for non-officers. Debriefing sessions for personnel returning from leave have also helped in appreciating their problems better. The forces have also decided, in principle, to outsource non-



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military duties, such as shopping for vegetables or washing and gardening, to civilians. More importantly, the Armed Forces Directorate is recruiting more psychologists in its ranks—10 have been selected; 35 more will join the ranks soon.

The DIPR study found three causal factors for fratricide and suicide. While genetically defined personality traits was one factor, tragic incidents like death or events such as failure to secure admission in educational institutions for one's children was a trigger for those already over the threshold level of stress. Occupational hazards, such as an insensitive leadership and back-to-back postings in conflict zones, were the third causal factor for high levels of psychological stress leading, in some cases, to suicide attempts.

Super 30 now on Newsweek's innovative school list

Patna: After *Time* magazine, *Newsweek* has taken note of the initiative of mathematician Anand Kumar's Super 30 and included his institute in a list of the four most innovative schools in the world in its latest edition.

According to the US magazine, the effort of Kumar for the underprivileged students is "incredible" as his help of educational and moral support has facilitated the poor students study almost 16 hours every day and clear the entrance test of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), known as the toughest in India.

Time had earlier this year selected Super 30 in its list of best school of Asia 2010. Kumar said it had further emboldened him to guide the underprivileged to deliver.

"This is a great recognition, which will not only motivate me, but also the students to do even better. I am happy that my small initiative has brought Bihar on the international map for positive reasons," he said. In the last three years, all 30 students of the Super 30 have made it to the IIT-JEE. AGENCIES

Govt firm on 'unfit' CFSI CEO removal

I&B To Challenge CAT Order In HC

Himanshi Dhawan & Bharti Dubey | TNN

New Delhi/Mumbai: The I&B ministry will challenge the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) order—quashing Children's Film Society of India (CFSI) CEO Sushovan Banerjee's repatriation. Meanwhile, CFSI chairperson Nandita Das says there is no turf war between her and Banerjee

was surprised that the issue was being seen as a turf war between the CEO and her.

"The case was filed by the ministry, and this is a matter purely between them. To say that the discordance happened because of my willingness to travel business class is an absurd argument. I'm an honorary chairperson and have already spent a lot of my time, energy and even money to do my best for CFSI. I have been living in Bombay for 10 months, and have hardly had any occasion to travel for CFSI. I took on the responsibility to be able to contribute and learn from this experience, not to be dragged into a blame game and defending frivolous and flimsy allegations," she said.

The move comes after a CAT bench rejected the ministry's move to repatriate Banerjee, terming the order "arbitrary". When asked if CFSI chairperson Nandita Das had offered to quit following the CAT's scathing order, ministry sources categorically denied it.

Sources said there was no indication that Das would resign as the ministry continued to support her. Das said she

After 40 yrs, govt lifts ban on Ray's 1971 film on Sikkim

New Delhi/Kolkata: He may have been



India's most celebrated filmmaker, but the government had banned a documentary film that Satyajit Ray made on Sikkim in 1971. The film, Ray's second documentary after he made one on Rabindranath Tagore, will finally be allowed for public screening as the external affairs ministry has decided to lift the ban.

The film will be screened across the country when Ray's birth anniversary is celebrated on May 2, 2011, 40 years after it was made. The film had been commissioned by the last Chogyal (king) of Sikkim, Palden Thondup Namgyal, and his American-born queen Hope Cooke. "It was actually the Chogyal's American wife who was keen that Ray make a documentary on Sikkim," said Ray's son Sandip. However, when the film was completed, the Chogyal was upset about some of the candid reality portrayed in it. It included Sikkim's poor alongside the grandeur of the royalty. In one of his shots, Ray showed the poor scrambling for leftover food dumped behind the palace after a grand royal dinner.

When the royal couple viewed the film in Kolkata, they were unhappy about some shots and ordered cut. After Sikkim was merged with India, the Centre banned the film as it was a sensitive issue then. TNN

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Office of the Chief Engineer/TL, Design Transmission, B-2, Shakti Vihar, PSTCL, Patiala

(NOTICE INVITING TENDERS)

Tender Notice for G.I. Step Bolts

Tender Enquiry No./Year : STQ-1005/2010

Quantity : 15 MT

Last date and time for

i) Sale of Tenders : 20.10.2010 upto 15.00 Hrs.

ii) Receipt of tenders : 26.10.2010 upto 11.30 Hrs.

iii) Opening of tenders : 26.10.2010 at 15.00 Hrs.

iv) Price of tender documents : Rs. 500/-

Detailed NIT may be down loaded from PSTCL web site www.pstcl.in

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Dy. CE/Trans.Design, for CE/TL, PSTCL, Patiala

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION SEHORE

Amendment No-1 N.I.T. No. 20 of 2010-11

System I.D. No. 340

The Tender invited vide N.I.T. No. 20/2010-11 Dated 23.08.2010 for Construction of Ghogra Tank, central Spillway, Earthen Bund, Head Lease including supply, fabrication and erection of steel gate & all Dam activities, is hereby amended as details given below.

S.No.	Particulars	Previous Date	Amended date
1	Last Date of Purchase of Tender Document on line	07.09.2010	22.09.2010

This amendment can be seen on water Resources Department website <http://wrd.mpeprocurement.gov.in> Other Terms and condition will remain unchanged.

Sd/-
G-18546/10 Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division Sehore
Distt. Sehore (M.P.) Ph-224033

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GAIL (India) Limited (A Govt. of India Undertaking) (A Navratna Company)

MECON Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise)

ADDENDUM # 1

The bid due date for Tender No. 05/5123M9/GAIL/001 - (i), dated 09.08.2010 (e-tender No. 8000001974) of GAIL (India) Limited for Pipeline laying & associated works in India has been extended from 20.09.2010 to 27.09.2010. For other details of tender please visit MECON's website <http://www.meconlimited.co.in> or GAIL's e tender website <https://etender.gail.co.in> or <http://www.gailtenders.in>

MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
BRANCH SECRETARIAT
MUMBAI
TENDER NOTICE

Tenders in sealed envelopes are invited for disposal of a Staff Car on 'As is where is' basis. The details of CAR is as given below:
Ambassador Model 18.06.1999 Registration No. MH 01-Y-257.

The tenders in sealed envelopes should invariably reach the undersigned alongwith a Pay Order/DD of Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand Only) drawn in the name of Ministry of Law payable at Mumbai, towards the EMD at the maximum by 30/9/2010 by 3.00 P.M.

The tenders will be opened on the same day at 4.00 P.M.

The inspection of the car can be taken on any working day between 3.00 and 5.00 P.M. at Aayakar Bhavan, New Marine Lines, Mumbai-20.

The Highest bidder / tenderer has to remit the balance amount within 3 days of acceptance of his/her tender. Else otherwise the amount of EMD will be forfeited.

The undersigned hereby reserves the right to cancel / reject any tender without quoting any reason.

Sd/-
(S.K. MOHAPATRA)
Additional Legal Adviser/Incharge

davp 24204/11/0001/1011

WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (W), Western Railway, Mumbai Central, 6th floor Engineering Department, Mumbai: 400 008 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites open sealed tenders on prescribed form, from experienced and reputed contractors for the following works: This Tender notice has also been published on the Western Railway's official website <http://www.wr.indianrail.gov.in>. Sr.No: 1, **Tender Notice No BCT/2010-11: 255 Dt. 15.09.10, Name of work and its location:** Churchgate-Virar sec - Removal of defective welding joints under ADENT/T/S/Parel's section (L.B. 09-10), **Completion period:** 04 months, **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 566200/-, **Earnest money:** Rs. 11325/-, **Cost of tender form:** Rs. 2000/- (By post Rs. 2500/-) **Date of opening:** 20.10.10, Sr.No: 2, **Tender Notice No BCT/2010-11: 258 Dt. 15.09.10, Name of work and its location:** Dadar (Mid town Terminal) - Supply of potable drinking water by tankers for a period of one year, **Completion Period:** 12 months, **Approx. Cost of the work:** Rs. 1560000/-, **Earnest money:** Rs. 31200/-, **Cost of tender form:** Rs. 2000/- (By post Rs. 2500/-) **Date of opening:** 20.10.10, Sr.No: 3, **Tender Notice No BCT/2010-11: 259 Dt. 15.09.10, Name of work and its location:** Dadar (South) - Repairs to east side staircase east - west foot over bridge, **Completion period:** 03 months, **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs 1083000/-, **Earnest money:** Rs. 21660/-, **Cost of tender form:** Rs. 2000/- (By post Rs. 2500/-) **Date of opening:** 25.10.10, Sr.No: 4, **Tender Notice No BCT/2010-11: 260 Dt. 15.09.10, Name of work and its location:** Churchgate-Virar sec - Virar - Providing basic facilities and general repairs to office of PWI at Virar quarry, **Completion period:** 02 months, **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 432000/-, **Earnest money:** Rs. 8670/-, **Cost of tender form:** Rs. 1000/- (By post Rs. 1500/-) **Date of opening:** 20.10.10, **Note:** (a) Tender forms will be sold upto 12.00 hrs on the date of opening of tender (b) Completed tender forms will be received till 15.00 hrs on day of opening of tenders stated above and will be opened at 15.30 hrs on same day in the presence of officers and contractors (c) The Tender Form can be purchased at above address. C9/13

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WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION RELATED WORKS

For & On behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Engineer (Const)II, Western Railway, 8th Floor, station building, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020, Invites sealed tenders as per the details given below: i) **Tender No: Dy CE(C)/I/225, II Name of the work:** Construction of high level platform cover, washing apron, elevated road connecting Tilak bridge ROB with elevated podium, FOBs, approach road, retaining wall, side drain etc at Dadar in connection with providing 6th line between Mumbai Central - Borivali stations in Mumbai Division of Western Railway (ii) **Approximate cost of work:** Rs 1993.99 lakhs (Approx) iv) **Cost of tender form:** a) Direct Purchase: Rs 10,000/- (Rs Ten thousand only) b) By post: Rs 10,500/- (Rs Ten thousand five hundred only) v) Tender forms can be purchased from Dy CE(C)/II's Office 8th floor, Churchgate during working hours on any working day from 05.10.2010 onwards up to 12.00 hrs on 20.10.2010. Tender forms can also be downloaded from Western Railway web site www.wr.indianrail.gov.in on 05.10.2010 onwards up to 20.10.2010 **Completed tender forms can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 20.10.2010 in the CAO(C) office 1st floor, station building, Churchgate, Mumbai - 20 in the nominated tender boxes. Tender will be opened in CAO(C)'s Office at 15.30 hours on 20.10.2010. vi) Earnest money to be deposited Rs 1147000/- (Rupees Eleven lakhs forty seven thousand only) vii) **Completion period of work:-** 18 (Eighteen) months (Including Monsoon period) viii) **Completed Tender forms can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 20.10.2010 in the above office in the nominated tender box or sent by post up to 12.00 hours on 20.10.2010. The tender box will be sealed at 15.00 hrs on 20.10.2010 and opened at 15.30 hours on the same day. If the last date of receiving/opening happens to be a Sunday/Holiday due to unforeseen circumstances, the tender will be issued/received/opened on the following working day as per same timings ix) Complete details of tender including eligibility criteria are available on Western Railway website www.wr.indianrail.gov.in and at the Notice Board in the above office. In case of any clarification the firms may contact at the above office during the working hours in person or at office telephone Nos. (022)22074669 (022)6722956 C9/10****

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM NO. 48

In reference to this office E-procurement Advertisement Tender No. 30.08.1170 against E-procurement Tender Notice No. EPS/89/2010 due on 15.09.2010 is cancelled.

For Controller of Stores WCR/JBP

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.WCR/TP/2006/NIT/01
Date 16.09.2010

CORRIGENDUM NO. 1

(TENDER NOTICE No. WCR 2010169 Dated 16.08.2010 for manufacturing and supply of 1 M long fish plate 52 Kg Drg. No. T-5915 and 60 Kg Drg. No. T-5916) Date of opening of Tender No. WCR 2010169 Dated 16.08.2010, opening date of tender has been postponed from 05.10.2010 to 25.10.2010.

Other terms and conditions are unchanged.

Dy. CE (TP)
For Principal Chief Engineer
W.C.R./Jabalpur.

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
(Part I - Techno-Commercial Bid and Part-II - Price - Bid)

GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE

Stores Officer on behalf of the Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029, invites sealed tenders in two bid system from the reputed firms/manufacturers for the following items upto 1.00 p.m. on 9.11.10.

S. No. 1. File No. 3-S/Stores/10-11/RS/Advt.Vy/PHY/RS. Particulars: 128 Channel EEG Machine. **Tender Fee:** Rs. 2000/- **EMD/Bid Security:** Rs. 2,00,000/-

Dates of opening of tenders have been indicated in the tender forms. Tender forms containing detailed specifications of items alongwith terms and conditions can be had from the office of the Stores Officer, 1st Floor, Jawaharlal Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi-110029, against requisite Pay Order/ Demand Draft towards the cost of tender forms (non-refundable) as mentioned above in favour of the 'Scheme Fund A/C' AIIMS, New Delhi-110029, for each tender form separately (Postal Orders/Cash are not acceptable). The Bid security as mentioned above will have to be deposited through Bank Guarantee/ Demand Draft drawn in favour of the 'Scheme Fund A/C' AIIMS, New Delhi-29, alongwith the quotation. No interest is payable on Bid Security. Visit our website at www.AIIMS.ac.in or www.AIIMS.edu and www.tender.gov

Tender forms will be supplied by post/per bearer on receipt of request on firm's printed Letterhead alongwith the requisite Demand Draft / Pay Order for each tender form separately between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on full working days and on Saturday from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. upto 25.10.10 at detailed below. If the last date for sale, submission & opening of tender falls on any Government declared holidays, the next working day will be considered as last date for the same.

The Last Date for Sale of Tender Documents is 25.10.10 upto 4.30 p.m.

The Last Date for Submission is 9.11.10 upto 1.00 p.m.

The Techno-Commercial Bids will be Opened on 9.11.10 at 3.00 p.m.

Sd/- STORES OFFICER (RS)

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION, JABALPUR

OPEN TENDER

Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. DY.CE(C) JBP/TN/08/10 dated 10.08.2010

It is notified for information of all concerned that due to change in special condition regarding Service Tax, the tenders will be opened on 05.10.2010 at 15.15 hours instead of 23.09.2010 at 15.15 hours. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Date : 13.09.2010

DY. Chief Engineer (Construction)II
West Central Railway, Jabalpur

For & on behalf of the President of Union of India

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Global Expression of Interest (EOI)

For

Design of Golden Temple Entrance Plaza at Amritsar

Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board (PHTPB), invites expression of interest (EOI) from leading Architectural and Urban Design firms for participating in a two stage **International competition for design of Golden Temple Entrance Plaza** at Amritsar (Punjab), India. All eligible registered architects, architectural firms, or consortia meeting our eligibility criteria may participate. The first stage has been aimed at soliciting ideas and concepts. Designs submitted in the first stage shall be assessed by international/ national jury and up to 05 (five) best conceptual designs will be short listed. The authors of these selected designs will be invited to take part in the second stage of the competition. The entries adjudged "First, Second and Third will be rewarded with a prize of Rs. 5,00,000, Rs. 3,00,000 and Rs. 2,00,000 respectively after completion of the final assessment.

Registration: The interested firms will be required to register their firm for competition. Registration/application details can be downloaded from our website www.goldentempleentranceplaza.in, correctly filled application letter including all required information along with non-refundable fee in the form of demand draft of Rs. 5000/- (in case the applicant is of Indian nationality) or \$ 250 (in case the applicant is of foreign nationality) in favour of 'Member Secretary, Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board' payable at Chandigarh should be received at the following address latest by the 1600 hours IST on 4th October, 2010.

Address for the submission of EOI:

The Head, Department of Architecture, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Punjab) 143005, India

Ph: 91-9814593666, 91-9417107403 FAX: 91-183-2258819, Email: sarjotibehi@yahoo.com, kschaahal@rediffmail.com

PHTPB reserves the right to accept or reject the application without assigning any reason.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Material Management Department

(e' Tender Notice for the supply of Stores, No. EPS/96/2010)

COS/WCR on behalf of the President of India invites the following advertised tenders through E-procurement System. No manual/postal offers shall be entertained. Tenders can be accessed under the link www.iimps.gov.in wcr-cos for full description/specifications.

Sr.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.
1.	20.09.3442	Set of pins for equaliser and compensating beam	31 Sets.
2.	20.09.3454	Compensating Beam for WAG-7 Loco bogie	34 Nos.
3.	20.09.3592	AOH kit for Pantograph type AM	196 Sets.
4.	20.10.2458	Bearing bracket assly. (pe) side	14 Sets.
5.	20.10.2904	'EE' type vaa 11 aux relay	42 Nos.
6.	20.10.5042	Set of housing and Traction Bar Assly	40 Sets
7.	20.10.5043	Cylindrical Roller bearing unit CRU-150	50 Nos.
8.	20.10.8010	High capacity CTF, 1500 amp	28 Sets
9.	30.10.1037	Upper rubber washer for bogie bolster suspension	4241 Nos.
10.	30.10.1214	U/C type rubber vestibule arrangement	495 Nos.
11.	30.10.2375	Unified Pressing of S.S. Inlay for modified Lav of IC/F/CG/GS Coaches	200 Sets
12.	50.09.3083	Low maintenance lead acid secondary cell 2V/200AH	300 Nos.
13.	50.10.8113	Supply of Video Surveillance System	1 No.
14.	65.09.6508	Electric motor drive screw type air compressor cap-12.5kg/cm2	1 No.
15.	65.10.6502	Diesel hydraulic road mobile crane articulating type 5T capacity	1 No.
16.	80.10.1047	Gear case oil (Servosyn gear 460 RR)	2160 Ltrs.
17.	90.10.1101	Aluminum chequered sheet 2.03 x 830 x 2940mm.	22482Kgs.

From Sr. No. 1 to 17 tender due date 19-Oct-2010 tender closing time : 12.30 hrs.

Important Notice on E-procurement : In order to participate in E-procurement Tender, it is essential that vendor must register themselves in the website using the link www.iimps.gov.in-New Vendor. It shall be noted that provision of valid class-III type digital signature certificate is a pre-requisite for registration. WCR is giving training to vendors for E-procurement on every Friday at 16.00 hrs. at office of the Controller of Stores, which the vendors can attend. **Note:** WCR is completely switching to EFT payment mode. For information regarding submission of EMD, Tender cost and other details, please visit website www.westcentralrailway.com.

Controller of Stores

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

BID INVITATION

Bids are invited for and on behalf of The President of India represented through the Controller of Stores, Central Railway, CST-Mumbai - 400 001 (India) from Original Equipments Manufacturers (OEM) or Original Equipments Suppliers (OES) or their authorized agents for entering into Rate Contract for supply of various items of spares for maintenance of 140 Tonne Cows Sheldon's Old Design Diesel Hydraulic Breakdown Cranes.

Tender No.	Brief Description	Tendered items / quantities	Cost of Bid Documents		Bid Guarantee		Last date & time submission of Bids
			IN INR	IN US\$	IN INR	IN US\$	
83.10/ Rate Contract/Spares Old design 140T DHBD Cranes.	Procurement of spares for 140 Tonne Cows Sheldon's Old Design DHBD Cranes	332 items as per detailed list of spares mentioned in the bid documents	5000	125	20 lacs	50000	11.11.2010 upto 11.30 A.M. (IST) Opening of bids will take place on the same day at 11.45 A.M. (IST)

2. **Duration of Rate Contract:** The contract shall remain in force for a period of 3 years from the Effective Date of the Rate Contract (EDRC). However, subject to mutual consent in writing between the purchaser and the seller, the duration of the Rate Contract may be extended. 3. Non-transferable Bid documents containing detailed description & catalogue, part number of the items required as also other terms and conditions may be obtained by interested bidders on submission of written application on payment of a non-refundable cost of bid documents. The bid documents are available for sale upto 10.11.2010 between 9.30 AM (IST) upto 3.00 PM (IST) and on 11.11.2010 upto 11.00 AM (IST), in the office of Controller of Stores, New Administrative Building, 1st floor, D.N. Road, C.S.T. Mumbai - 400 001 (INDIA). The method of payment will be either by cash, Demand Draft or banker's cheque drawn in favour of Chief Cashier, Central Railway, Mumbai CST - 400 001. If the bidders desire that these documents be sent by post/ courier service, then an additional charges applicable for inland delivery or overseas delivery should also be paid by them. 3.1 bid documents can also be obtained, on payment, from the following offices: - i) The Director, General, Supply Wing of India, 2536, Massachusetts Avenue, Washington DC-20008 (USA). ii) Railway Adviser, Embassy of India, Railway Wing Pohl Strasse 20, 10785 Berlin (Germany). Fax No: (+49) 30-23005898 or (+49) 30-4853003. E-Mail RA @ rlywing.bn.shuttle.de. iii) The First Secretary (Commercial), Embassy of India, 2-2-11, Kundan Minami, Chiyodaku, Tokyo - 102-0074 (Japan). iv) Railway Adviser, High Commission of India, India House, Aldwych, London, WC2 (U.K.). 4. The bid documents except drawings & specifications are also available on the following website addresses i.e. www.centralrailwayonline.com and www.tenders.gov.in. The bid documents except drawing & specification can be downloaded from the above website which shall be equally valid for participation in the tender. Nevertheless the bidder shall be required to pay the amount of bid documents specified above, by Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque in favour of FASCAO, Central Railway, CST, Mumbai - 400 001 (INDIA) alongwith their offer, at the time of submission of the bid. 5. The Bidders shall be required to: - a) Furnish a Bid Guarantee for the amount specified above. b) Authorisation certificate from OEM. c) Keep their bids open for 180 days from the date of opening of Bids. 6. Last date & time for submission of bids would be on 11.11.2010 upto 11.30 A.M. (IST) and opening of the bids will take place on the same day at 11.45 A.M. (IST). 7. The sealed bids must be delivered at the address given below upto 11.30 AM (IST) on 11.11.2010. All bids must be accompanied by the bid guarantee of Rs.20,00,000/- (INR) or US\$ 50,000 in favour of FASCAO, Central Railway, CST, Mumbai - 400 001 (INDIA) in the form of Bank Guarantee or per Proforma contained in the bid documents, Part-II vide Annexure-5, failing which bids are liable to summarily rejected. Moreover, bids received late i.e. after the scheduled time will also be rejected. Bid will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representative, who choose to attend, at the address given below at 11.45 AM (IST) on 11.11.2010. Name of the office: CONTROLLER OF STORES, Address for communication: CENTRAL RAILWAY, N.A. BLDG., 1st FLOOR, D.N. ROAD, MUMBAI-400 001, (INDIA). TELE NO. +91-022-22620938, FAX NO. +91-022-22634313. 8. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Controller of Stores, Central Railway, Mumbai CST - 400 001 at the address given below from 9.30 A.M. (IST) to 6.00 P.M. (IST) on all working days i.e. from Monday to Friday. 9. BIDS FROM BIDDERS WHO HAVE NOT PURCHASED THE BID DOCUMENTS, BIDS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY BID GUARANTEE AND BIDS FROM AGENTS, WITHOUT LETTER OF AUTHORITY FROM THEIR ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMS) ARE LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED. IP-351

GLOBAL TENDER NO. 83.10/Rate Contract/Spares Old Design 140 T DHBD Cranes DUE FOR OPENING ON 11.11.2010

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Employees' State Insurance Corporation

PANCHDEEP BHAWAN, CIG ROAD, NEW DELHI-110002
(ISO 9001 : 2008 Certified), website : www.esic.nic.in

NOTICE INVITING R.F.P. (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL) FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR Services for Development of Strategy/ Models of Up gradation, Operation and Management of Super Specialty Hospitals and Construction, equipping and running of medical colleges on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

ESI Corporation established under ESI Act, 1948 provides medical care services through a network of hospitals and dispensaries. With the advancement in the technology, ESIC now intends to start super specialty State-of-art hospitals and also to enter the area of medical education by setting up of medical colleges & P.G. Is.

The ESIC invites sealed RFP from professionals having experience in the field of Consultancy for the aforesaid objective.

Scope of Consultancy Work

The Consultant shall provide comprehensive consultancy services in assessment of proposed/existing ESI Hospital; preparation of a detailed report of PPP in proposed multi super specialty hospital & medical colleges including broad standard of infrastructure, financial viability; detailed analysis of various projects related risk parameters and risk mitigation/management plans; development of a detailed action plan; assist in marketing of incentives packages; selection of private partners.

The RFP (Request for Proposal) comprising the following documents:

Section I - Terms of Reference

Section II - Instruction to Consultants

Section III - Instruction to Consultants - Data Sheet

Section IV - Pre-qualification and Technical Proposal - Standards Forms

Can be seen at the ESIC website or in the office of the Deputy Director (Medical) on working days between 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. The cost of RFP is Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) (Non-Refundable).

The intending firm may obtain the RFP documents from the Deputy Director (Medical), Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Room No.307, Third Floor, Panchdeep Bhawan, C.I.G. Road, New Delhi-110002, in person from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. on any working day or through registered post/speed post by submitting the fee of Rs. 5,000/- by way of Bank Draft favouring ESI Corporation and drawn on State Bank of India, New Delhi. ESIC shall not be responsible for loss or delay when the document is sent by post. Bidders are encouraged to download the RFP from ESIC website www.esic.nic.in in which case the Demand Draft of Rs. 5,000/- should be submitted alongwith the bid proposal in the absence of which the bidders will be summarily disqualified. The completed documents can be submitted at the above address upto 11.00 A.M. on 21.10.2010. These shall be opened the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of bidder(s) who choose to be present. In case opening date of tender is declared as holiday, then the same will be opened on next working day at scheduled hours.

Other Terms & conditions

1. **Bid Security:** Interested bidders are required to submit the proposal along with Bid & Bid Security (Refundable to unsuccessful bidders) of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) by way of a Demand Draft payable at New Delhi in favour of Director General, ESIC.

2. **Authorized Signatory:** The proposal should be completed with all enclosures duly signed by authorized signatory.

3. The proposal must remain valid for 180 days after the final submission date.

4. Time for completion of the project please refer to bid document.

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GOVT. OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

INDIAN ORDNANCE FACTORIES

MACHINE TOOL PROTOTYPE FACTORY

AMBARNATH, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA-421 502

Tel. 0251-2610884, 86, 87 & 2610062

Fax: 2610065, E-mail: mpf.ofb@nic.in



OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY

Under Competitive Bidding, The General Manager, Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambarnath, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed tenders under the Two Bid System [1] Technical Bid [2] Price Bid, from reputed appropriate class of contractors registered with Ordnance Factories / MES / PWD / Railways & Other Central Govt. Departments for carrying out the following Civil Work.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Item	Estimated Cost. (Rs.)	Tender Opening Date and Time
1.	0503/TC/02/2010-11/EO/MPF	Term Contract for civil maintenance of production and non-production shop at MPF Ambarnath.	10.00 Lakhs	28/09/2010 at 2.30 p.m.

For further details, visit Website: www.tenders.gov.in

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ORDNANCE FACTORY BHUSAWAL

Ordnance Factory Bhusawal E-mail – ofbh.ofb@nic.in

NOTICE OF TENDER

General Manager, Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal-425203 (Maharashtra), on behalf of President of India, invites applications for pre-qualification for issue of tender from MES, CPWD, Railways, other Ordnance Factories and other Government registered contractors for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in lakhs)	Registration Limit
1.	Repair to sewage line to Type I, II & III Qtrs. at O.F. Estate, Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/06/2010-11).	Rs. 8.79	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
2.	Repairs to WC & Bathrooms floor of 1st floor qtrs. for arresting Seepages in Type I, II & III qtrs. at Ordnance Factory Estate, Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/08/2010-11).	Rs. 3.77	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
3.	Repairs/Replacement of wornout steel windows and ventilators of Type I & II qtrs. at Ordnance Factory Estate, Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/11/2010-11).	Rs. 8.85	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
4.	Terms contract for Artificers work in Ordnance Estate (2010-11) at Ordnance Factory Estate, Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/12/2010-11).	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
5.	Repairs/Reconstruction of Perimeter wall of Estate behind Cycle Shed E-type qtrs. and other several places wherever required at Ordnance Factory Estate, Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/13/2010-11).	Rs. 9.87	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
6.	Repairs/Replacement of roof sheets and accessories, Valley Gutters down take pipes of various Production and Non-Production sections inside factory at O.F. Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/14/2010-11).	Rs. 9.78	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
7.	Repairing/Replacement of LT Power cable for quarters & road Light for E-Type estate area at O.F. Estate, Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/15/2010-11).	Rs. 15.27	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above
8.	Terms contract for Artificers work inside factory at Ordnance Factory Bhusawal. (T.E. No. GM/OFBH/EO/CW/17/2010-11).	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs and above

The Application for these works should include proof of Registration, ITCC, and list of works executed of similar nature during the past 3 years with copies of Work Order/ completion certificates, solvency certificate, including information on Technical competence and a Demand Draft of Rs. 500/- (Non-refundable) payable to **General Manager, Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal**. Separate application for each work shall be accepted latest by DT. 10/10/2010. GM/OFBH reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever. For further details, please see O.F. Bhusawal Notice Board. Notice also available on our tender website tenders.gov.in (HARISH KUMAR) JT GENERAL MANAGER FOR GENERAL MANAGER

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

LASER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (LASTEC)

METCALFE HOUSE, DELHI - 110054 (INDIA)

Phone: 91-11-23907401, 23907402, 403, 405, 407, Fax: 91-11-23811319

OPEN TENDER NOTICE-04/10-11

1. The Director, Laser Science and Technology Centre, Metcalfe House, Delhi-110054 (India), on behalf of President of India, desires to procure following Stores from original manufacturer(s)/ accredited supplier(s):

S No.	Case No.	Nomenclature	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Qty	EMD (Rs.)
1.	LASTEC/LP/BU/75/10-11	Position Sensing Detector with Signal Processing Unit	100/-	04 Nos.	18,000.00
2.	LASTEC/LP/BU/76/10-11	(i) Si Avalanche Photodetector (ii) In GaAs Avalanche Photodetector	100/-	01 No. 01 No	4,200.00
3.	LASTEC/LP/BU/77/10-11	1 W Green Laser Wavelength 532 mm	100/-	02 Nos.	4,600.00
4.	LASTEC/LP/P-253/86/10-11	Pyro Quadrant Detector with Preamplifier	100/-	03 Nos.	13,200.00
5.	LASTEC/LP/P-265/87/10-11	10kw CW Laser Diode Driver (with 01 set of accessories/spares)	100/-	02 Nos.	44,000.00

NOTES:-

- Last Date for Issue of Tender Form** : 12.10.2010
- Last Date & Time for Tender Submission** : 19.10.2010 (upto 1400 hrs.)
- Date & Time for Tender Opening** : 19.10.2010 (at 1430 hrs.)

2. The Bids are to be submitted in Two-Bid Pattern i.e. Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid in two separate sealed covers distinctly marked accordingly and sealed inside a single envelope, which should be duly superscribed with tender notice reference No. due date and due time. Two bids i.e. Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid should be identical in all respects except that the Techno-Commercial Bid should have blank space at the places where prices have been stated in the Price Bid. Bids not received accordingly will not be accepted.

Purchase of Tender:

- (a) The tender document containing detailed specification / drawing (if applicable) of the items with terms & conditions can be obtained by the original equipment manufacturers/accredited suppliers form Director on any working day on payment of Rs. 150/550 by post in favour of Director, LASTEC payable at Delhi. Tender document fee is exempted for registered vendors.
- (b) Tender Document can also be downloaded from DRDO website: www.drdo.org The firms quoting on basis of downloaded form from DRDO website should submit the tender fee and EMD alongwith the Price Bid.
- (c) Tender documents are not transferable and cost of tender document is not refundable.

4. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):** In form of Bank Draft /Pay Order in favour of Director, LASTEC, is required to be submitted by Indian Bidders other than those registered with DGS&D, any Govt. Deptt. or any Lab / Estt. of DRDO alongwith their quotation. If a bidder withdraws or derogates from the tender in any respect within the period of validity of his tender, then EMD will be forfeited. Bidder registered with any of above organisation must submit the proof of registration to avail exemption from EMD and Tender fee. Draft / Pay Order for EMD should be enclosed with Price Bid.

5. **Credentials / Pre-qualification Criteria (PQ):** The Pre-qualification / Post-qualification of bidders would be made based upon their capability, resources, capacity and experience. The bidders would be required to submit documentary evidence in support of above criteria alongwith their Techno-Commercial Bid.

6. Indian Firm(s) should quote in Indian Rupees only on FOR destination basis. Customs Duty / Excise Duty excluded price should be quoted as necessary exemption certificates if applicable will be provided. Taxes and other levies, if any, should be indicated separately. All relevant information except price should be available in the Techno-Commercial Bid. Detailed Technical Literature/Data should also be enclosed with Techno-Commercial Bid for speedy processing.

7. The sealed offers shall be submitted on or before due date. The Director, LASTEC, shall have no responsibility for delay or non-receipt of tender documents sent by post. Offers received late conditional offer and incomplete offers will be summarily rejected.

8. The Director, on behalf of the President of India, does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any other tender, and reserves to himself the right to waive off any formalities thereof or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

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North Eastern Railway

E-mail : cos@ner.railnet.gov.in
Internet : www.nerailway.gov.in & www.tenders.gov.in
On the behalf of President of India COS, N.E.Rly., Gorakhpur hereby invites sealed tenders for the following stores for which tender document may be obtained as under :

Complete description of the item and other conditions are available in the tender documents.

Tender Notice No. 17 Dated : 17/9/2010

Gram : UPBHANDAR
FAX No. 0551-2200721

On the behalf of President of India COS, N.E.Rly., Gorakhpur hereby invites sealed tenders for the following stores for which tender document may be obtained as under :

Complete description of the item and other conditions are available in the tender documents.

Item No.1 Tender No. & Due Date : 30/09/4105/OT-294/10, 18.10.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** 25 KW, 130 Volt Brushless Alternator with two Alternator V. Grooved Pulleys bogie mounted V-belt driven on both ends and suitable for use on 110 Volt D.C. Air Conditioned Coaches as per RDSO Specn. and Drg.; **QTY. Required :** 29 Sets; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 2000/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 94,400/-.

Tender opening time 15.00 hrs. and tender document may be obtained up to 11.00 hrs. till date of opening.

Detailed tender notice, tender documents, terms and conditions are available at North Eastern Railway's website <http://www.nerailway.gov.in> & Govt. of India website <http://www.tenders.gov.in>. The item reserved from RDSO approved firm for the item only.

Invitation of tenders through e-Procurement system

Controller of Stores, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of The President of India invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items.

Complete description of the item and other conditions are available on website www.ireps.gov.in

Item No. 1 Tender No. & Due Date : 30094189 OT 320, 21.10.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** V Deep Groove alternator Pulley for 4 point 5 KW brushless alternator as per RDSO Drg. & Specn.; **QTY. Required :** 380 Nos.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 500/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 20,300/-.

Item No. 2 Tender No. & Due Date : 30080174 OT 321, 21.10.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** Electronic Ballast 20 W, 110 Volt DC suitable for 2 feet 20 Watt FL tube as per RDSO Specn.; **QTY. Required :** 22560 Nos.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 1,000/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 65,500/-.

Item No.3 Tender No. & Due Date : 22104463 OT 331, 01.11.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** Acetal Guide Bush for Axle box Guide Argt. as per RDSO & RCF Drg.; **QTY. Required :** 43495 Nos.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 2000/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 103600/-.

Item No.4 Tender No. & Due Date : 29095053 OT 21.10.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** Main Gear Assy. with sealing arrangement as per RDSO Drg.; **QTY. Required :** 120 Nos.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 150/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 5,300/-.

Item No.5 Tender No. & Due Date : 28100242-A, 18.10.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** Fire Retardant Curtain Fabric to RDSO Specn. No. C-9911 Rev. 3 for AC coaching to Indian Rayan Industries; **QTY. Required :** 36825 Mtrs.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 2000/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 2,33,800/-.

Item No. 6 Tender No. & Due Date : 22094327 OT 328-A, 29.10.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** Sealed Window Glass Unit for 3-00 wide size 905x550x25.38 mm as per ICF Drg.; **QTY. Required :** 480 Nos.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 150/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 8,300/-.

Item No.7 Tender No. & Due Date : 22090080 OT 329, 01.11.2010; **Brief Description of Stores :** Lower spring seat for Axle box guide argt. as per ICF Drg.; **QTY. Required :** 1600 Nos.; **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.) :** 500/-; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 25,600/-.

1. Above tenders are available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm desires in participate against e-tender are advised to electronically regd. themselves on the above website for which they would require to obtain class-III digital certificate (if already not obtained) for certifying agencies authorized under Govt. of India IT Act 2000. **Manual offers will not be accepted.** 2. Advertised tender and bulletin tenders of COS office, NER are being opened through EPS (E-Procurement System) only. Firms desiring to participate in COS, NER Tenders should obtain necessary digital certificate and get themselves registered with CRIS/New Delhi. Necessary details in this regard can be obtained from the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 3. In case of difference between English and Hindi version of the Tender Notice, the English version shall be applicable. 4. Head of allocation towards cost of tender document is **9365099**, SD money is **20712801** & Earnest Money is **00084506**. 5. Item No. 1, 3 & 5 reserved from RDSO & Item No. 2 reserved from ICF/RCF approved firm (for the item) only.

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Controller of Stores, Gorakhpur

" Railway Vigilance Mobile Helpline No. - 0551-155210 (For complaints regarding Corruptions)"

Indian Railways — Lead Partner of Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games

TENDER NOTICE

FOR PROCUREMENT OF NIV DRUGS / CONSUMABLES AND EQUIPMENT: DG-2F

Wax Sealed tenders are invited from the Primary Manufacturers, Authorized Agents/Distributors by the office of DGAFMS, Min. of Defence, for and on behalf of the President of India, for the supply of undermentioned items:-

TENDER TO BE OPENED ON 21 Oct 2010

S. No.	Tender Enquiry No.	NIV No./ PVMS No.	Brief Description of Stores	Quantity/ Consignee	Last Date of Receipt of Tender Request Letter	Cost of Tender (Rs.)
1.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-327	NIV/10/DG/10517	HYDRO SOLDERING UNIT FOR DENTAL SOLDERING	01 Nos./AFMC, Pune	13 Oct 2010	500/-
2.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-521	NIV/16/DG/180	SEMI-AUTOMATIC BIOCHEMISTRY ANALYSER	03 Nos./INHS Angre, INHS Kasturi, 1 Fd Vet Lab	13 Oct 2010	500/-
3.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-553	NIV/04/DG/8223	INFUSION DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH 05 DRIVERS / PUMPS	02 Sets/AH (R&R)	13 Oct 2010	500/-
4.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-592	NIV/16/DG/17	PENTA HEAD MICROSCOPE	01 No./CH(SC), Pune	13 Oct 2010	500/-
5.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-626	NIV/06/DG/11146	PEADIATRIC RIGID BRONCHOSCOPE SET	01 Set/INHS Asvini	13 Oct 2010	500/-
6.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-745	NIV/09/DG/5188	ENDOMET SET	01 Set/CH (SC)	13 Oct 2010	500/-
7.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-732	NIV/09/DG/8152	CODA TOWER	03 Nos./CH (SC)	13 Oct 2010	500/-
8.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-718	NIV/04/DG/8235	CO2 GAS CYLINDER N2 GAS CYLINDER O2 GAS CYLINDER	04/02/02 Nos CH (SC)	13 Oct 2010	500/-
9.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-482	NIV/16/DG/16	AUTOMATIC SLIDE STAINER	01 Nos./MH Ambala	13 Oct 2010	500/-
10.	17559/DGAFMS/DG/2F/EQPT-666	NIV/24/DG/035	FULLY AUTOMATED BLOOD ANALYSER	08 Nos./RTS & D Saharanpur, Hampur, 1AFVH, 2AFVH(02), 54 AFVH, 52 AFVH, CMVL Meerut	13 Oct 2010	500/-

- Tender forms will be available on any working day between **3.30 PM and 4.30 PM** from the reception of L & M Block of DGAFMS, New Delhi-110011, on payment of the cost of tender where applicable (Non-Refundable), in the form of a latest Demand Draft in favour of PCDA 'G' Block, New Delhi-110011, from any Nationalized Bank with a minimum validity of six months and should not have been purchased prior to the date of publication of this advertisement. This Tender can also be seen on the DGAFMS Website www.indarmy.nic.in
- No tender will be sold after the last date of request for tenders as mentioned in column above and also no tender will be sold on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- Sale of tenders will commence on 16 Sep 2010.** If the tender opening date is declared a holiday, then the same will be opened on the next tender opening day.
- Details of documents required to be attached with the quotation and terms and conditions will be intimated in the tender form.
- Tenderers should specify their full postal address, telephone and fax numbers clearly in block letters in all correspondence. Representatives of firms should be in possession of authorization letters duly signed by a competent authority and bearing an office seal. Authorized Signatory will only be eligible as rules governing depending on type of firm i.e. Pvt. Ltd, PSU, Partnership Firm etc. for collecting the tender forms.
- Tender found incomplete in any respect will be rejected. Also, the purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any or the entire tenders/ tender request without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- Eligibility criteria will be as per tender form. Delivery period for products will be **90 days**. Tenderer will be required to comply with the details given in the Tender Form.
- Tenders will be issued on receipt of request letter from the interested firms/ vendors. **Person signing the tender request, Technical Bid and price should mention full name and contact number. Agencies/Distributors should clearly indicate the name of the manufacturer in the tender respect letter. Tender will be issued only to authorized persons with proper authority letter from the firms/vendors.**
- EMD of Rs. _____ (as per tender) will be deposited with tender documents. EMD have to be submitted in favour of The President of India O/o The DGAFMS.**

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Steel Authority of India Ltd. contemplates to purchase about 4,500 sq ft.(carpet area) ready built office space in Commercial area of Jaipur City , preferably where major Govt. offices , banks etc are located. Last date of collecting Tender documents at above office: upto 16.00 hrs on 06.10.2010 @ Rs.1,000/-by cash (non-refundable). Last date of submission of Tender at above office : upto 15.00 hrs on 12.10.2010. Brokers / Real Estate Agents are not allowed to participate. For details and downloading visit our website : www.saitenders.co.in

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BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITED

(A Govt. of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Defence)

Our REF Ref No.: WPB/BGCX/OT/01

Date: 16/09/2010

Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore (BEL) invites bids from reputed and experienced agencies for the following

Supply, installation and commissioning of **two nos.** of wet type down draught paint spray booth of size 15.5 meters length x 6.5 meters width x 6.5 meters height (inside dimensions of the booth) with operator platform and necessary painting applicators etc, inside the factory premises at BEL, Jalahalli post, Bangalore complex.

For tender details, please visit our website www.bel-india.com (Click on Tenders, Bangalore Unit).

The last date of submission of bids in sealed envelope is on or before **14-10-2010 upto 16.00 Hrs. IST.**

BEL Tender/2010-11/15



DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

(Domestic Competitive Bidding)

Amendment No.1 Dated 13/09/2010

The due dates of sale, submission and opening of bids for subject tender has been extended as under: **Name of the Package :** Turnkey Package for Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Automation system along with Control & Relay Panels for Four Bays at 220KV S/Str. at Mehrauli.

Tender No.: DGM (T)SSC-I/2010-11/MEHRAULI/T-02. **Revised Last Date & Time of Sale of Tender Document :** 30/09/2010 04.00 pm IST. **Revised Last Date & Time for Bid Submission:** 01/10/2010 11.00 am IST. **Revised Date and Time of Opening of Tender:** 01/10/2010 11.30 am IST. The Bidding Documents along with the clarification/amendment can be downloaded from www.dtl.gov.in (Unique No. DTL - 2283-280610). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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TENDER REFERENCE No. QC3/74085/2010

Sealed tenders are invited for 5000 Nos. of Poly Pallets Type "A" as per IS 13664:1993 from the reputed manufacturers only.

EMD	Rs.1,00,000/-
Sale of Tender form	Upto 12.00 Noon on 05.10.2010
Submission of tender form	Upto 2.00 p.m. on 06.10.2010
Opening of tender	At 3.00 p.m. on 06.10.2010
Cost of tender form	Rs.1,040/- to obtain in person. Rs.1,140/- to get by post.

Tender document can be viewed and downloaded from www.tnpsc.tn.gov.in / www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT NO:48/OT/DVC-KTPS/Hirodih-S&T/2010 Dated 17.09.2010

General Manager (Projects) RITES Ltd., Regional Project Office, Kolkata for & on behalf of DVC invites sealed tenders from contractors who fulfill qualifying criteria stipulated in Tender Documents for the following work:

Name of the work: Signalling work of Panel Interlocking (End Panels) with MACLS signalling at Hirodih Station, E. C. Rly in connection with construction of Railway Infrastructure for Koderma Thermal Power Station (KTPS) of DVC, Dist. Koderma, Jharkhand. **Estimated Cost:** Rs 6.31 Crore (Approx). EMD: Rs 6.31 Lakh. **Completion period:** 06 (Six) months. **Cost of Tender Documents:** Rs 6,000/- (Rupees six thousand) only in the form of DD/PO/BC drawn on any Schedule bank in favour of RITES Ltd., payable at Kolkata. **Sale of Tender documents:** 22.09.2010 to 05.10.2010 from 11.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs on any working days. **Date of pre bid conference:** 15.00 hrs on 01.10.2010 at the above address. **Last date of submission of tender:** 08.10.2010 up to 14.00 hrs. **Date of opening of technical bid:** From 14.30 hrs on 08.10.2010 in presents of the intending tenderers. **Date of opening of commercial bid:** Shall be intimated later to the technically successful bidders only. For complete tender documents including qualifying criteria etc. please visit: (www.rites.com) or (www.tendertimes.com) or contact this office. Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, would be hoisted on the websites only.



Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Major Roads
(Raja Rajeshwari Nagar), N. R. Square, Bangalore - 02.

No. EE / MR / RRN / TEND / 02 / 2010-11 Date : 16.09.2010

INVITATION FOR BIDS

(ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT) (SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION)

The Executive Engineer (Major Roads - Raja Rajeshwari Nagar) invites Bids on behalf of the Commissioner Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike from reputed Consultants for the services given in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Amt of Project
1	Consultancy services for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the work of Widening and Strengthening of Magadi main road from Outer ring road junction to NICE Road Junction.	3759.00 Lakhs

(1) Pre-bid meeting at the office of Chief Engineer (Major Roads) is at 4.00 pm 23.09.2010 (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Documents is 25.09.2010 upto 4.00 pm (3) Date of opening of Technical Bid is : 29.09.2010 at 2.00 pm (4) Date of opening of Financial Bid is : 01.10.2010 at 4.30 pm

The tender document can be downloaded from the Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> under login for Contractors.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Major Roads (Raja Rajeshwari Nagar)



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MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

Sealed tenders are invited by the Chief Engineer (CON)/II/South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works :

Tender Notice No. & Description of works	Approx. Value	E.M.D.
1) CE/CON/GRC/49/2010	Rs. 3.67 Crore	Rs. 3,33,500/-
Augmentation of old sick line with EOT Crane facility at Bhojudih in Adra division under the jurisdiction of Dy Chief Engineer (Con) Adra.		
2) CE/CON/GRC/97/2010	Rs. 5.45 Crore	Rs. 4,22,500/-
Construction of ROB 59 (1x12.0m) at Ch 33203m and 61(1x12.0m) at CH 33882m between Lohardaga (Ch: 0.0)- Tori stations in connection with Lohardaga -Tori new B.G. Rail Line, under jurisdiction of Deputy Chief Engineer/Con/Ranchi.		

Cost of Tender Document : Rs. 10,000/- (Non-refundable) for each Sl. **Date of Opening :** 19.10.2010 for Sl.No. 1 & 20.10.2010 for Sl.No. 2. **Note :** (1) Details of tender notice and corrigendum issued from time to time along with required eligibility criteria are available at website : <http://www.tenders.gov.in> and also on the Notice Board and office of the concerned Dy. CE/Con mentioned as above. For further clarifications regarding tender, if any, prospective tenderers may contact AXEN/CI/TI/GRC, office of the Chief Administrative Officer (Con), South Eastern Railway, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 43, Tel. : 9133-24504746 or Dy. CE/CON/Adra, South Eastern Railway, Tel : 09002083220. For website related issues prospective tenderers may contact Sr. EDPM/South Eastern Railway/GRC, Kolkata - 43, Telephone : 9133-24397715 / 2450-4310. (2) The Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be made available on website : <http://www.tenders.gov.in> at least 10 days in advance from date of opening and no further press notification shall be issued in this regard. All prospective tenderer(s) are advised to see the website regularly for Corrigendum / Addendum issued, if any, for tender. (PR-691)

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Few voters, blasts mark Afghan poll

Insurgents Attack Several Booths Across The Nation, Killing 10 Civilians

Rod Nordland & Sangar Rahimi

Kabul: Hundreds of polling stations either closed or came under attack and at least 10 civilians were killed in Afghanistan's parliamentary elections on Saturday, even as officials insisted that the vote was generally safe throughout the nation.

The city of Kandahar seemed particularly hard hit. Explosions were heard every half hour through the morning, and 31 had occurred by mid-morning including rockets fired by insurgents, according to a security official there, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Kandahar Governor Toorayalai Wesa toured polling places to encourage voters to turn out, but his own convoy was hit by a roadside bomb, slightly damaging his armoured car but hurting no one.

Voter turnout was extremely low in Marjah, the Helmand Province battleground, as bullets flew over the polling station near the district center, and insurgents launched a rocket-propelled grenade into the main US Marine base. No one was injured in



Afghan women queue at a polling station in Kabul on Saturday; President Hamid Karzai shows off his ink-stained finger after casting his vote

the rocket blast, which landed close to an ammunition supply area and destroyed the wooden platform of a tent housing several Marines. Marine commanders responded with three Hellfire missiles shot from Reaper drones, which they say killed at least two insurgents who had launched the

rocket a quarter mile from the base.

Nationwide, authorities could only confirm that 92% of the planned 5,816 polling centers had opened as planned, and no word had been heard from the other 8%, raising concerns that security conditions had forced them to close, according to the Inde-

pendent Election Commission. The commission had earlier canceled 1,000 polling centres because the authorities could not secure them.

The 8% of non-reporting polling places were in nine provinces in the northeast, northwest, east and south, Fazal Ahmad Manawi, the chairman of the IEC, said. He added, however, that every province had at least 50% of its polling places open.

Halfway through the voting day, even in a safe neighbourhood of Kabul, only 150 men and 130 women had cast their ballots at the Naderia High School. But there was little violence in the capital, and late in the day, long lines began to form at some of the centers around the city.

In Kandahar, the Taliban papered the city with letters on the eve of the election, warning people not to vote in "Americanized elections" and that anyone doing so would be a target. The letters, signed by the Taliban's military commander for Kandahar, Al Haj Ahmad Sayid, gave two phone numbers, one for data on the warning, and for complaints. **NYT NEWS SERVICE**

5 Talibanis ask Swat residents for forgiveness

Islamabad: Five Taliban militants sought pardon from a public gathering for "crimes" they committed during their rule in Swat valley in northwest Pakistan, a media report said on Saturday.

The militants told the gathering of residents of Kabal sub-division they had made a mistake by joining the Taliban, whose leadership is "anti-Pakistan and anti-Islam". They requested the people to forgive them for their crimes, the Daily Times newspaper reported.

The Taliban fighters appeared before the public at a gathering held at the 'hujra' or guesthouse of local defence committee chief Idress Khan in Bara Bande village.

The militants are from Kabal, a former Taliban stronghold, and were arrested during the operation conducted by the army in Swat Valley last year.

This was the first time that Taliban militants appeared at a public gathering in Swat, located 160 kilometres from Islamabad. The militants were later taken away to a detention centre located at an unknown place, witnesses said. The army has asked residents of Kabal to keep an eye on suspicious elements and to report information on terrorists. **PTI**

Five militants in Pak sought pardon for 'unIslamic' crimes committed during their rule in Swat

Pope to UK: Deeply sorry, ashamed of child sex abuse

London: Pope Benedict XVI said on Saturday he was deeply ashamed of the "unspeakable" sexual abuse of children by priests, telling the British faithful during Mass in Westminster Cathedral that he hoped the church's humiliation would help victims heal.

Benedict also said he hoped that the church would be able to use its contrition to purify itself from the "sins" of its ministers and be able to renew its commitment to educating the young.

Benedict confronted the abuse scandal head-on during his homily, a day after six people were arrested in an alleged terrorist plot against him. They remained in custody on Saturday.

The pontiff issued his comments in the seat of British Catholicism as abuse survivors and others opposed to his visit prepared a march Saturday afternoon in London's Hyde Park to demand more accountability.

"I express my deep sorrow to the innocent victims of these unspeakable crimes, along with



Thousands of people march through London to protest against the Pope's trip

my hope that the power of Christ's grace, his sacrifice of reconciliation, will bring deep healing and peace to their lives," Benedict said.

He said he acknowledged the shame and humiliation all the faithful had suffered as a result of the sins and said he hoped "this chastisement will contribute to the healing of the victims,

the purification of the church and the renewal of her age-old commitment to the education and care of young people."

Pope Benedict XVI also met victims of abuse by Catholic priests on Saturday. "The Holy Father met a group of persons who had been sexually abused by members of the clergy," a statement said. **AGENCIES**

Jupiter closest to Earth for first time in 50 years

Cape Canaveral (Florida): Better catch Jupiter next week in the night sky. It won't be that big or bright again until 2022. Jupiter will pass 368 million miles from Earth late on Monday, its closest approach since 1963. You can see it low in the east around dusk. Around midnight, it will be directly overhead. That's because Earth will be passing between Jupiter and the sun, into the wee hours of Tuesday.

The solar system's largest planet already appears as an incredibly bright star — three times brighter than the brightest star in the sky, Sirius. The only thing brighter in the night sky right now is our moon. Binoculars and telescopes will dramatically improve the view as Jupiter, along with its many moons, rises in the east as the sun sets.

Uranus also will make a close approach the same night. It will appear close to Jupiter but harder to see with the naked eye. Through a telescope, it will shine like an emerald-colored disk less than one degree from Jupiter. Jupiter comes relatively close to Earth about every 12 years. In 1999, it passed slightly farther away. What's rare this time is Uranus making a close appearance at the same time, Tony Phillips, a NASA astronomer said. He called it "a once-in-a-lifetime event." While seen right next to Jupiter through a telescope, Uranus will be 1.7 billion miles from Earth on Monday night. **AP**

CHEERS TO THAT



RAISING A TOAST: People wearing traditional Bavarian clothes toast with beer during the opening of the 177th Oktoberfest in Munich on Saturday. Millions of beer drinkers from around the world are expected to visit the Bavarian capital over the next two weeks for the world's biggest and most famous beer festival, the Oktoberfest, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year

Flesh-eating UK killer gets 21 yrs in jail

London: A "sadistic" Broadmoor patient, Graham Fisher, has been jailed for 21 years after admitting killing two women in East Sussex in 1998 and eating flesh from one of them.

According to the Daily Mail, 37-year-old Fisher pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Clare Letchford, 40, and widow Beryl O'Connor, 75, on the grounds of diminished responsibility. Both the women were strangled and burned in their flats in Hastings, East Sussex. Fisher said he cut flesh from Letchford's arm and ate it.

Along with the two killings, Fisher also pleaded guilty in 2008, to two counts of rape of another woman in her early 40s at her home in Bromley, South-East London, in 1991. He made his confession at the high-security psychiatric hospital saying that he found it hard to live with his crimes, the court heard. Fisher targeted lonely women, some of whom he knew, to satisfy what one psychiatrist described as a "sexually sadistic" aspect to his personality.

After confessing to rape, Fisher told the investigators he gained a thrill from seeing his victim frightened. "She looked really scared but this really turned me on even more," he said. Fisher, deemed to have a severe complex personality disorder, also admitted cutting a piece of flesh from the arm of Letchford and eating it. **ANI**

BP to complete sealing busted well

Washington: BP sought on Saturday to cap a months-long effort to end the worst oil spill in US history after cementing in its ruptured Gulf of Mexico well.

A relief well successfully intersected a shaft at the bottom of the Macondo well some 2.5 miles below the sea floor on Thursday, allowing the final injection procedure to go forward.

The delicate operation is supposed to permanently plug the well, bringing to a close a disaster that began nearly five months ago when an explosion ripped through the BP-leased Deepwater Hori-

zon drilling rig, killing 11 workers.

The leak that followed fouled hundreds of miles of US shores, ruined local livelihoods and wiped nearly 70 billion dollars off BP's market value. The British energy giant said it

PUTTING A CAP ON IT pumped cement into the busted well for seven

hours on Friday. Workers were waiting for the cement to set before "standard plugging and abandonment procedures for the relief well" will go ahead so it can be finally, completely sealed. The company said tests indicated no hydrocarbons were present near the BP shaft. **AFP**

AROUND THE WORLD

Lohan fails court-ordered drug test, faces jail term

Lindsay Lohan is facing jail again after she failed a court-ordered drug and alcohol test. The 24-year-old star, who recently completed a stint in prison and rehab for violating her probation in a DUI case, posted a series of messages to confirm the mishap. "Regrettably, I did in fact fail my most recent drug test and if I am asked, I am prepared to appear before judge Fox next week as a result," Lohan tweeted. The actress, however, told her fans that she is "trying hard" despite the latest setback. She now faces a probation violation that is likely to land her in jail again.

Brand arrested: Comedian Russell Brand has been arrested on battery charges after he attacked paparazzi at the Los Angeles International airport. The actor was arrested for a misdemeanor charge of simple battery and was later released from custody after posting \$20,000 bail on Friday, the Telegraph reported. Brand and fiancée Katy Perry were walking through the airport security to catch an afternoon flight and lost his temper after the photographers blocked his way while trying to get a picture of the celebrity couple.

Polanski wins prize at film fest: Roman Polanski's political thriller 'The Ghost Writer' picked up the critics' award for best picture as the San Sebastian film festival got underway on Friday. Polanski "is an author in every sense" and "every aspect of this prize is his," said British actress Olivia Williams, who accepted the Fipresci Grand Prix 2010 award on behalf of the film. The International Federation of Film Critics' 296 members selected the film, which also won Roman Polanski the best director prize at the Berlinale in February, as the top movie of the year.

Jackie joins Twitter: Former US first lady Jacqueline Kennedy has become the latest personality to join the micro-blogging site Twitter. Excerpts from Kennedy's weekly column, which she wrote during her husband's

presidential campaign in 1960, have been posted on Twitter by the city-based John F Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. The first batch of tweets, expressing her dismay at not being able to campaign in person with JFK, were posted on Saturday on the social networking site exactly 50 years from the day her first syndicated column was published. "For the first time since Jack and I have been married, I have not been able to be with him while he is campaigning," one of the tweets read. A pregnant Jacqueline was largely confined to her Massachusetts home, absent from JFK's presidential campaign.

Lady Gaga slams military gay policy: It seems pop sensation Lady Gaga is in all support of the homosexuals as she has taken to YouTube to get "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repealed. The latest effort by the pop princess is a seven-minute YouTube video in which she singles out Senators John McCain, R-Arizona, Mitch McConnell, Republican-Kentucky, James Inhofe, Republican-Oklahoma, and Jeff Sessions, Republican-Alaska, by demanding they withdraw the divisive policy.

Kureishi gets Pinter prize: Hanif Kureishi has bagged a literary prize set up in honour of playwright Harold Pinter. The 'Buddha of Suburbia' author won the Pinter prize and will receive a cash reward of £1000 during a felicitation ceremony at British Library. "Hanif Kureishi courageously and irreverently speaks the truth about life in our multicultural world, beyond any platitudes of political correctness. Harold Pinter would have been proud that Hanif was chosen for the prize in his name and that of Pen," Antonia Fraser, Harold Pinter's widow said.

Hilton to plead guilty: Paris Hilton will plead guilty to two misdemeanors stemming from her arrest last month at a Las Vegas resort. She will serve a year of probation and avoid a felony conviction.



US couple charged for selling nuclear secrets

Albuquerque: A scientist and his wife who both once worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory were arrested on Friday after an FBI sting operation and charged with helping to develop a nuclear weapon for Venezuela.

They were accused of dealing with an FBI undercover agent posing as a Venezuelan agent, but the government did not allege Venezuela sought US secrets. Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni, 75, and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, 67, a US citizen, were arrested on Friday, a day after they were indicted. They appeared in federal court in Albuquerque, where Mascheroni, a naturalized US citizen from Argentina, was ordered held pending another hearing on Monday. His wife was released under strict conditions.

It's been known for about a year that Mascheroni was under investigation—the FBI last October seized computers, letters, photographs, books and cell phones from the couple's Los Alamos home. In an interview at the time, he said he believed the US government was wrongly targeting him as a spy. He has



Pedro Leonardo and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni were accused of links with an FBI agent posing as a Venezuelan agent to set up a nuclear reactor in the South American nation

denied the accusation. Mascheroni said in the interview that he approached Venezuela after US rejected his theories that a hydrogen-fluoride laser could produce nuclear energy.


According to the 22-count indictment, Mascheroni told the undercover agent he

could help Venezuela develop a nuclear bomb within 10 years and Venezuela would use a secret, underground nuclear reactor to produce and enrich plutonium, and an open, aboveground reactor to produce nuclear energy.

Mascheroni worked in the nuclear weapons design division at the Los Alamos lab from 1979 until he was laid off in 1988. His wife, a technical writer, worked there between 1981 and 2010.

He said last year he was motivated by his belief in cleaner, less expensive and more reliable nuclear weapons and power. He began approaching other countries after his ideas were rejected by the lab and, later, congressional staffers.

In July 2008, the undercover FBI agent provided Mascheroni with 12 questions purportedly from Venezuelan military and scientific personnel. The criminal charges allege that Mascheroni delivered to a post office box in November 2008 a disk with a coded 132-page document on it that contained "restricted data" related to nuclear weapons. **AP**




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Sealed Tenders are invited by the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Chennai – 600 008, for **Supply of the following items to Corporation of Chennai.**

S. No.	Description	Qty	Tender Reference	Tender document cost	Tender document sale period	Date of pre bid meeting	Last date and time for receipt of tender	Date of and time of opening
1	Peripheral vascular Doppler Digital biotensiometer Digital X-ray unit (CR system) 300mA X-ray machine Slit lamp bio microscope Indirect ophthalmoscope Semi auto analyzer	2 Nos. 2 Nos. 2 Nos. 2 Nos. 2 Nos. 2 Nos. 103 Nos.	6776/TNMSC/ ENGG/2010, Dt.16.09.2010	Rs. 5,625/-	20.09.2010 to 04.10.2010	27.09.2010 at 03.00 p.m.	05.10.2010 at 11.00 a.m.	05.10.2010 at 12.00 p.m.

Tender documents can be had from the office of the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited on any working day during the period (both days inclusive) from 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M on payment of Tender document cost (inclusive of all taxes) by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of **Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited**, payable at Chennai. Postal charges will be **Rs.200/-** (Rupees Two Hundred only) extra.
Bid security as indicated in the bid documents by way of demand draft / Bank Guarantee.
Alternatively, the tender document can be downloaded from www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnmsc.com at free of cost.
Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited is not responsible for delay or loss in transit when tender documents are sent by post. The tender documents are not transferable.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS-NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING - TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 1KVA GENERATOR 286 NOS FOR TANSACS

1. The Government of India has received a Grand from Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria towards implementation of Round – II Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to this credit payment under the contract for the Supply and Installation of 1 KVA Generator for the Integrated Counselling Test Centers of Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, Chennai.

2. The Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Chennai – India on behalf Tamilnadu State Aids Control Society now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of the item mentioned in the table.

S. No.	Description	Qty (Nos)	IFB No.	Price of bidding document (Rs.)	Bid Sale Period	Last date & Time for Receipt of Bids	Date & Time of opening of Bids
1	Supply and Installation of 1 KVA Generator	286	892-4A/ GFATM-R-II/TANSACS/ TNMSC/2010, Dt :16.09.2010	5,625/-	20.09.2010 to 20.10.2010	21.10.2010 at 12.00 p.m.	21.10.2010 at 12.30 p.m.

3. Interested Eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding Documents at the office of TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai – 08, India, Telephone No:044-28191890/28190259, Fax : 044-28190638.

4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the above Office and upon payment of non refundable fee as indicated above in the form of Demand Draft / Cashier's Cheque / Certified Cheque in favour of the **Managing Director, TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Chennai** payable at Chennai. Bidding documents requested by mail will be dispatched by courier on payment of additional Postal charges of **Rupees 500/-**, for Inland and **Rupees 2000/-** for Overseas. TNMSC Ltd will not be responsible for the postal delay, if any, in the delivery of the documents or non-receipt of the same. Alternatively the bid documents can be downloaded at free of cost from **Websites www.tnmsc.com & www.tenders.tn.gov.in**.

5. The provision in the instructions to bidders and in the General conditions of contract is based on the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Document – Procurement of Goods.

6. A prebid meeting will be held on **04.10.2010 at 12.00 Noon** at the office of Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation Limited, 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai – 08, India to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage. Non-attendance at the pre-bid will not be a cause for disqualification of a bidder.

7. The bidding document may be obtained from the above Office of the Managing Director, TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Chennai – 08 during office hours namely from **10.00 hours to 17.00 hours** on all working days either by person or by post.

8. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in Indian Rupees as specified in section V-Schedule of requirements and must be delivered to the above Office at the date & time indicated above.

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidder's representative who chooses to attend on the specified date and time indicated above, with specific authorization.

10. In the event of date specified for bid receipt and opening being declared as a closed holiday for purchaser's Office, the due date for submission of bids and opening of the bids will be the following working day at the appointed time.

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‘Even the upper middle class will have metro mindset by 2015’

Elattuvalapil Sreedharan is a sprightly 78 and could put people half his age to shame. The country knows him as the ‘metro man’ – he built Delhi’s modern train network that many describe as world class. Before that, he built the Kolkata Metro and the Konkan Railway. But the man who achieved such technological marvels is no techie, telling Shobha John that he doesn’t carry even a mobile phone. Excerpts:

You’re 78 and still work discernibly hard. What drives you on?

■ I have no choice. I have a huge responsibility to give Delhi a world class Metro and this requires constant monitoring. Phase II of the Delhi Metro is 123 km long and was completed in four-and-a-half years. No other country has done it in such a short time. Ours is a small team — the operations and maintenance wing has 6,500 personnel and the project wing has 550. So we all have to work hard.

Do you know who will succeed you?

■ My term is till December. Thereafter, the Delhi government will take

a decision. But there are many senior directors in Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and any of them can step into my shoes. And I can vouch for their honesty. They all follow the core values I cherish — punctuality, integrity and professional competence. Every DMRC employee is given the Gita and taught yoga. I have zero tolerance for corruption and anyone suspected of it, is given the sack.

Delhi knows you as the ‘Metro Man’. Are you proud to have built it?

■ Yes, I am very satisfied. We have a great sense of social accountability and a duty to the city and nation. We worked within the time frame and budget, which in Phase II was Rs 20,000 crore, and protected the environment at the same time.

What was your most difficult project?

■ The Delhi Metro, no doubt. Each project has distinct challenges. In the case of the Konkan Railway, it was the length, tough terrain and funds. We had to generate two-thirds of the funds. In Delhi, money was not a problem, but the highly technical nature of the project was a challenge. There was substantial computerization, dense population and we couldn’t block too many roads.

What’s the point of a metro railway if the Indian middle class doesn’t have the metro ‘mindset’ and believes that

public transport is only for the poor?

■ That mindset is changing as people realize the metro is safe, reliable and fast. In five years, I am sure upper middle class India will use the metro if it becomes available within half a kilometre of their house. We have covered just 40% of Delhi; 60% remains to be covered in Phase III and IV. **Which other Indian cities most need a metro?** ■ According to the Planning Commission, any city with a population of over three million needs a metro. Some 13 to 14 cities fall in this category. We are the prime consultants for Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata, while we will actually build it in

FOR THE RECORD

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Jajpur: Project reports for Pune, Ahmedabad and Ludhiana are on the anvil even as we wait for approval for Kochi.

On July 12, 2009, you resigned from the DMRC because you took moral responsibility for the collapse of a pillar in Delhi. Wasn’t that rather dramatic – but ultimately useless? After all, you could hardly oversee everything?

■ That was a very conscious decision. I was in Bangalore when I got the news at 6 am. I took a flight at 9.30 am and it was in the plane that I decided to quit. I called a press conference in Delhi to announce it. By the time I reached my office later, chief minister Sheila Dikshit had called me. She persuaded me to stay. But I was keen to go. The top

man should always take responsibility.

So you are an emotional person?

■ No, this wasn’t taken emotionally but was a calculated move. In hindsight, the CM’s decision was right.

Did the accident change anything?

■ Yes. It opened our eyes to lapses on the part of the design consultant, whom we sacked later, the contractors and our side. We tightened up our contractors and strengthened 47 other piers.

You built the metro in a city teeming with politicians. Did you lay down rules to ensure there was no political interference?

■ If our work is transparent, meant for the common man and we don’t accept or take favours, there will be no room for politicians to interfere. Recruitments and contracts in DMRC are equally transparent. Even I can’t interfere. In the initial years, I used to get calls for jobs and contracts. I would politely say I would look into the matter and sometimes explain why I couldn’t help. But when projects got completed on time, people left me alone. I was lucky to have people to support me, be it CMs, lieutenant governors or ministers. I don’t get any extra bonus or increment for this job except appreciation. We have also advised Sri Lanka, Syria, Indonesia and Pakistan. But the workload in India is so much, I am not keen on going abroad.

You’re considered something of a rarity — a man who completes projects on time, ensures quality without cost over-runs.

■ I imbibed many values from my father who was

a landowner, especially telling the truth. I started an NGO, Foundation for Restoration of National Values, in 2008 with like-minded people such as Ratan Tata. We hope to bring about a change in society.

So what do you think when you hear of corruption allegations in preparations for the Commonwealth Games (CWG)?

■ I am not surprised. CWG is just a small area of corruption. Transparency International puts India 85th in the corruption index. We should be ashamed. It has pervaded every area — medicine, education and government offices, bringing India a bad name. Corruption seems to have become our national character. This should change.

You’re known to have a distinct management style. What is it?

■ My role model was G P Warrier, former chairman of the Railway Board. He was a people’s man and commanded great loyalty. At the same time he was very strict. At DMRC too, recruitment rules are strict — we have never had to sack anyone for not performing well. Anyone can walk into my office with a problem. But easy access to me is not an encouragement for indiscipline.

What’s a typical day like?

■ I get up at 4.30 am, meditate, do yoga and read spiritual books, including the Gita in Sanskrit. I am in office at 9 am and leave by 5.30 pm. I go for a 45-minute walk and by 9.30 pm, go to sleep. On Saturday, half the day is kept for inspections, while on Sunday, I connect with my guruji. Though I have gone to Sabarimala eight to ten times, I am not religious.

Rahul is Indira’s real political heir

SWAMINOMICS

SWAMINATHAN S ANKLESARIA AIYAR



After his passionate defence of displaced tribals in Orissa, analysts have started talking about Rahul Gandhi’s left turn. Whoa! Rahul is more pragmatic opportunist than left-wing ideologue.

Remember Indira Gandhi’s left turn in 1969? Supposedly for Garibi Hatao, she nationalized banks, abolished privy purses and raised income tax to 97.75%. Leftist ideologues cheered deliriously.

But a few years later, she declared an Emergency and jailed all opponents, leftist or rightist. Her great left turn was not ideological, but a ploy to maximize personal power.

Her left turn was an economic failure: poverty did not fall at all. But it was a massive political success. She crushed the old Congress leadership (called the Syndicate). The main opposition party in 1967 was the Swatantra Party, a coalition of princes and big business. Abolition of privy purses bankrupted the princes, and high income tax rates bankrupted the business class. The Syndicate and Swatantra Party crumbled before her. Only when she put Swatantra, Syndicate and CPM leaders in jail together did it become clear that ‘garibi hatao’ was a cloak for ‘opposition hatao’.

Warning: don’t be misled by Rahul’s supposed left turn. He too is engaged in very practical politics to oust opponents. He has targeted non-Congress states in his campaign against displacement.

Recently, he went to Orissa as champion of the tribals whose land was being usurped by industrialist Anil Aggarwal for his aluminium factory. Yet, his real target was not Aggarwal but BJD chief minister Naveen Patnaik. After being thrashed by Patnaik three elections in a row, Rahul badly needs a new issue to regain lost ground.

He now plans a visit to Kerala, to support tribals protesting against their land being given to a windmill farm of Suzlon. Guess what: Kerala too is an opposition state, ruled by the CPM-led Left Front.

Corruption and callous treatment of tribals has been widely alleged in the coal and iron ore blocks in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Rahul can afford to bash all three chief ministers, because they belong to the BJP. Winning tribal support here is simply another way of winning back lost ground, including ground lost unwittingly by killing innocents in the cam-

paign against Maoists. You did not hear of Rahul campaigning for tribals when his own party was a coalition partner in Jharkhand. Illegal iron ore mining is the bane of Karnataka. The Reddy brothers, accused of being the main illegal miners, are now ministers in the BJP cabinet. Naturally, Congress has blasted them. Yet the Reddy brothers respond that the state Lokayukta says companies owned by Congress leaders - M Y Ghorpade, V S Lad and sons, Allam Veerabhadrapa, H G Ramulu, S M Jain and Abdul Wahab — have encroached on hundreds of acres. Congress has not castigated these gentlemen.

Indeed, quite recently, the Reddy brothers were into illegal mining by encroaching on forests in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. They were backed by former Congress chief minister Rajasekhara Reddy, and so bureaucrats dared not act against their encroachment. Only when Rajasekhara Reddy died, and his son Jagan failed in the struggle to succeed him, was it possible to take any action.

Goa is a major producer and exporter of iron ore. The Centre for Science and Environment has written passionately about the anger of local people against environmental damage by the mining companies. But this is a Congress-ruled state, so the mining giants are not in bad odour. Indeed, the biggest mine-owner in Goa is none other than Anil Aggarwal, the very gentlemen castigated by Rahul in Orissa.

By coincidence, almost all the states with embittered tribal populations are ruled by opposition parties. Even other states with agitations against land acquisition — West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh — are opposition-ruled. The fact is that Congress rules very few states on its own, and is often a junior partner where it is part of a ruling coalition. So, Rahul can afford to go on the offensive on land acquisition and tribal displacement.

This is not entirely cynical politics. Land displacement has become a mass issue. Politicians have responded, and I am delighted that the once-powerless tribals are getting some justice. More power to Congress on this. Still, remember that these tribals received far less justice in the old days of Congress hegemony.

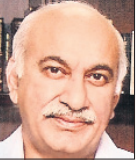
We should welcome the change. But let us not attribute this to a sudden ideological left turn on Rahul’s part. Like his grandmother, but without her high-handedness, he is resorting to the old strategy of using ideology when it suits his family’s quest for power.

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Omar must know Army is not the enemy

OUT OF TURN

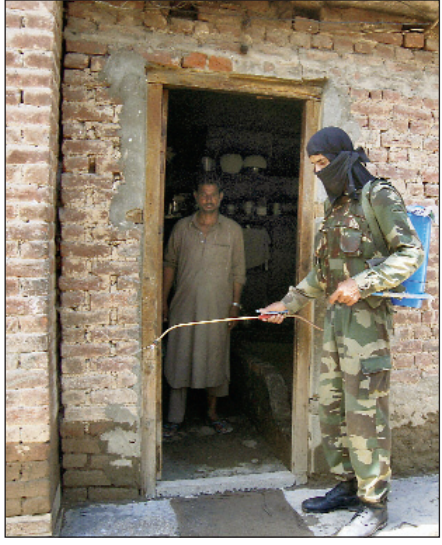
M J AKBAR



Self-preservation is the default mode of the self-destructive. Omar Abdullah is trapped in an existential dilemma. He cannot blame himself for the wreck he has wrought. To do so would severely damage, if not abort, a political career born in genetic entitlement and wafted into that exhilarating but oxygen-thin ozone layer of celebrity. He cannot blame Delhi either, the favoured recourse of regional parties caught in a crisis, for he is a child of Delhi in more senses than one. He owes his job to the masters of the Capital, Congress and more specifically Rahul Gandhi. He tried blaming the local opposition, particularly his bete noire Mehbooba Mufti, but that is a futile dead end. It could not take him out of the maze. Mehbooba is in control of neither the street nor the secretariat. Blaming Pakistan is too obvious to raise anything more substantial than a yawn.

He has, therefore, selected the only escape route he could think of: blame the Indian Army. After 90 deaths in 90 days, the dilution of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) has become the fulcrum of his political fortunes. He did not offer to leave because of the complete collapse of governance and total absence of ideas. He threatened to resign if the Union government did not punish the Indian Army.

For which sin? Not a single death in the present crisis has resulted from an Army bullet. Those bullets came from the guns of the



WHERE’S THE GUN? An Indian Army soldier sprays pesticides in Srinagar

J&K police and CRPF. Why has everyone chosen to obscure this fact with silence and raise dust against the Army?

This question has disturbing dimensions. Why have separatists and militants never demanded that the state government disband the local police and send back the CRPF for taking such a toll? Why is the secessionist, and alas political, verbiage targeted at the Army and no one but the Army? The Indian Army came into the picture for the first time

only on the evening of September 15. That was during discussions with the Fifth Corps on how to respond to the next stage of a carefully designed strategy — sit-ins before Army camps, meant to sustain the focus on the Army and weaken its presence in the valley. The Army has not been deployed in the demonstrations, and is concentrating only on its counter-insurgency role.

Why is the Indian Army the one-point target of those who want to break India? The answer is uncomplicated. The police, whether state or central, cannot defend the territorial integrity of India. The Indian Army can. It is therefore in the interest of secessionists and their mentors in Islamabad to create discord between the Indian Army and the Indian state.

Why is the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir lending his voice to this cacophony? Which gallery is a desperate Omar Abdullah playing to?

This crisis did not begin 90 days ago or a hundred days ago. It began in the minds of people who had an agenda and whose intricate planning was propelled onto the street by the Kashmir Jamaat e-Islami and its leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani. The Kashmir Jamaat has never made any secret of its objective, which is to merge the valley with Pakistan. It has financial and ideological links with Pakistan. It has deliberately disassociated itself from the Jamaat e-Islami in the rest of India. This slings-and-stones model was crafted to elicit world sympathy, and create a David versus Goliath confrontation. (David is a prophet of Islam as well, and lauded as a supreme instance of a jihadi in the holy Quran.)

The timing was certainly influenced by President Barack Obama’s scheduled November visit to India. Both Obama and his secretary of state Hillary Clinton have said, at some point in their campaigns, that Palestine and Kashmir required resolution. Pakistan wants Kashmir on Obama’s must-do list as part of its pay-off for helping in Afghanistan, and protest builds pressure.

Intelligence officers should have picked up what any well-informed journalist in Srinagar knew. Prevention is the true cure in governance. The administration compounded intelligence failure by behaving like a bumbling, stumbling Goliath once demonstrations began.

Delhi was so indifferent that it did not even bumble. It took 90 days to hold an all-party meeting that suffused the airwaves with inanities. Why was Delhi silent until the volcano burst and lava spread beyond the valley? Manmohan Singh promised this week to talk to “anyone” who abjured violence. Kashmiris have the right to ask: why did you not talk when there was peace? This government inherited a Kashmir in improving health. It has frittered away a legacy.

Rahul Gandhi, who can be PM any day he chooses, says, disingenuously that he is unfamiliar with the complexities of AFSPA. The Prime Minister knows what it means: to weaken the Indian Army in Kashmir is to weaken India.

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Two years on, Mumbai is marginalizing Muslims

POLITICALLY INCORRECT

SHOBHAA DE



It has happened. I guess it had to. Perhaps, it happened a few months or a few years ago. Perhaps, it was always there, but swept under the carpet. Society’s

dirty secret is finally out — everybody knows about it but nobody talks about it. Ten days ago, I received a call from a Muslim friend. She sounded a little concerned. Her anxiety had to do with her nephew’s admission into one of Mumbai’s better colleges. His marks were good, his conduct exemplary. He had been a prefect at school and participated in several extracurricular activities. I asked what the hitch was. She sounded almost embarrassed as she said, “Well, we are Muslims and that seems to be the problem in a lot of colleges.”

I was shocked. “Are you sure that’s what it is?” I said, not prepared to believe it was the situation in some of the ‘progressive’ South Mumbai educational institutions. My friend

went on to narrate how her nephew had been subjected to blatant discrimination during interviews and told upfront that it was his surname that came in the way. She apologized again for the ‘trouble’ she was putting me through. She added, “If the boy was not as bright, I would have told him to forget it, and do something else. But he is keen to study science and make a mark for himself — he has always been a good student. If he doesn’t get into a recognized college, his career is as good as over.”

I made a couple of calls to friendly neighbourhood college principals and asked whether they were really screening students on the basis of religion. One of them denied it; the other sheepishly admitted that such a directive was in place, but on an informal level. “We don’t want trouble,” the principal added virtuously. When I asked him to specify what sort of trouble a young man like my friend’s nephew could possibly cause, the principal replied, “These days, you never know. How can you trust these people?” What do you mean by ‘these people’? I persisted. The principal whispered, “Leave it. Don’t make me spell it out. In any case, we don’t have a vacancy.” I called up an-

other college. The person was enthusiastic and polite, saying their list was still open and the student I was recommending, definitely qualified etc. Then I was asked for the name. As soon as I mentioned it, his voice changed. ‘Let me crosscheck with the clerk. I think I made a mistake. So sorry, admissions were closed yesterday.’ Finally, I spoke to a lady who heard me out and said, “Send the boy to me tomorrow morning. I’ll see what I can do.” This story has a happy ending — the boy got in.

But that’s because his aunt was in a position to make a few calls on his behalf. There are thousands like him in Mumbai and across India, who are up against an invisible wall, unable to move forward, determined not to look backwards, but stymied all the way. When I met the young man and his family, they had tears of gratitude in their eyes. The point is: I didn’t do them a favour. And neither did the college. He was entitled to receive the same access and treatment on the basis of merit alone. Any college should have held its doors open for him. Especially as the colleges he had applied to were in Mumbai and not some backward town in the back of beyond. I felt intensely

sad, as I accepted a box of mithai from his emotional relatives. It was as if they had crossed an impossible hurdle when it was just a routine matter of showing your marksheets, paying the fees and getting in. Will this boy ever forget the humiliation? Can his family forget the frustrating days when college after college turned them away on some pretext or the other? Perhaps this experience will toughen the lad and make him excel. Perhaps not. It is the ‘not’ that is worrying. Nearly every known privilege that a non-Muslim counterpart can and does take for granted, is denied to him in what was once a liberal, cosmopolitan city with great colleges and outstanding leaders in every field. Today, those temples of education are practicing a nasty version of religious profiling which is going to lead to major problems if it goes unchecked.

There is no getting away from the current polarization. I used to kid myself that some of my Muslim friends were being ‘paranoid’ when they talked about ‘the problem’ (as we had dubbed it). That ‘problem’ pretty much covered everything — from getting a job to finding accommodation. At the time

(post- 26/11), we believed it was a passing phase that would disappear once everything ‘settled down’. Except that nobody quite knew what was meant to settle down or whether it would ever happen. But we consoled ourselves, saying sensitivities at the time were running high — people were angry and afraid. More than that, people were confused. Two years down the line, there are no alibis, no screens to hide behind. Positions have obviously hardened to such a degree that now city colleges have begun to follow their own quota system and turn down eligible students because they are Muslims. We are a few weeks away from the anniversary of one of the most devastating and tragic events that ripped the city apart. No, we cannot and must not forget what happened. That awful attack was the work of hardcore terrorists. What we are doing may be much worse — we are killing the spirit of innocents. The latter crime may have far more lethal repercussions!

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It’s criminal to close schools that teach the poor

MEN & MORALS

GURCHARAN DAS



The summer of 2010 will be remembered by many mandal education officers in Andhra Pradesh as particularly lucrative. Emboldened by the new Right to Education Act, they swooped down on unsuspecting schools in the slums and villages of Andhra Pradesh in order to shut them down. By June-end, they had created so much fear and terror among poor parents that the secretary of education of the state government had to clarify that the new law gives unrecognized schools three years to gain recognition and will not be closed immediately. By then, corrupt officials of the state bureaucracy had achieved their objective. Bribes had tripled. One official even boasted that he may not have done as well as at the Commonwealth Games, but it had been one of his best months.

India must be unique in the world for wanting to close down schools that serve the poor. What would be admired elsewhere as an example of entrepreneurial initiative (or jugaad as we say) is illegal here. These schools typically charge Rs 100 to 250 per month in fees but do not get recognition because they fail to meet standards. For example, they don’t have a large enough playing field or they can-



DUPED: Students protest against the absence of teachers in a government school in Hyderabad

not pay the minimum government teacher salary of Rs 20,000 a month. In order to comply with standards, they would have to raise fees to Rs 1,200, but then the poor would not be able to afford them.

Why should a parent spend hard-earned money on fees when the child can go to a government school for free and get a mid-day meal as well? The reason is that one in four government primary teachers is illegally absent on any day and one in four who is present is not teaching. This disgraceful lack of accountability is obvious to the poorest parent.

A low-cost private school may not be much but at least the teacher shows up and is motivated. Hence, more than half the children in urban India and a quarter in rural areas are now in private schools. This migration is so rapid that Jean Dreze predicts that government schools will soon become ‘ghost schools’.

To want to close down institutions that genuinely serve the needs of the poor seems bizarre and immoral. Their critics dismiss these schools as being of ‘very poor quality and claim that the poor are being ‘duped by unscrupulous elements’. But what about the even poorer quality of government schools? No one knows quite how many unrecognized schools exist in India but estimates are in the lakhs. It is hard to believe that millions of parents are capable of being ‘duped’ year after year. While sending its own children to private schools, the establishment stridently opposes a similar choice for the poor. Of the 20 million employees of the state, hardly any send their children to government schools (except elite Central or Navodaya schools).

The Right to Education Act is a landmark legislation created by well-meaning people. It has many fine features but its great weakness is total neglect of outcomes. More than half our children in Class V cannot read or do the simple arithmetic that is expected of them in Class II. The focus of the lawmakers was to get all children into school. Oddly enough, more than 95% of primary school-age children are already in school. The real problem

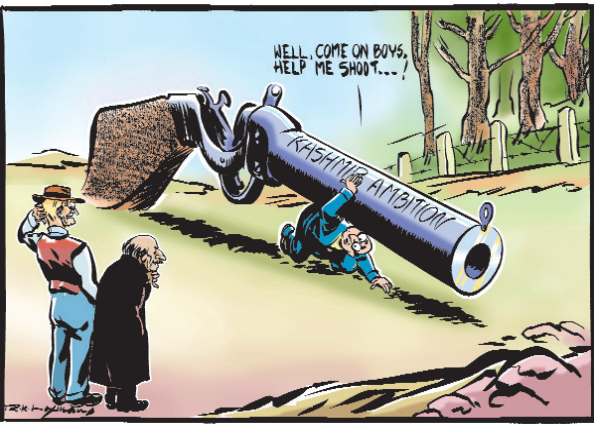
is high dropout rates and this relates to high teacher absence. The Rs 43,500 crore required by this new law will mostly finance government teacher salaries that are now seven times India’s per capita income against the global norm of two. High teacher salaries are good in principle but only if they are accompanied by performance.

In the end, no democracy can allow tens of thousands of schools to close down. The new law will merely raise the amount of bribe paid to inspectors. This, in turn, will force schools to raise fees, and the burden will fall on the poor. Imagine a law that makes people dishonest and harms the poor! Our democracy is a work in progress, and the answer is not to close schools but to understand their situation and amend the law. Considering these schools charge such low fees, let us have a graded system of recognition, as we have first and second-class tickets in a railway train. Allow these schools the freedom to pay market salaries to teachers and have smaller play areas to ensure that their fees remain affordable for the poor. Don’t treat them like illegal brothels but see them as heroic examples of people solving their own problems. Make them safe from rapacious inspectors. They are symbols of India’s unique economic model — of a nation rising despite the state.

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SMOKING GUN: Pakistan wanted to use the arms supplied by US President Harry Truman and secretary of state Dean Acheson in Kashmir

A TROUBLED UNION



He was 22, tall and handsome. She was 27, bubbly, attractive and looking for a husband. When they first met — at their wedding in 1990 — Ashiq Hussain Faktoo was already one of Kashmir's most wanted jihadis and a founder of the state's largest militant outfit, Hizbul Mujahideen.

His bride, Asiya Andrabi, was also a household name. She headed the secessionist women's group, Dukhtaran-e-Millat. Faktoo and Andrabi's troubled union, scarred by almost continuous separation, might almost be the story of Kashmir's turbulent relationship with India.

Andrabi became an activist in the cause of gender equality. She would exhort women to fight male domination by assembling at mosques — hitherto off-limits — for religious discourses. Then she changed course and began to fight for political, not gender "freedom". Dukhtaran-e-Millat activists became undercover agents and a vital source of information for militants.

This was the moment Andrabi wanted to get married. There were many suitable boys, for she was attractive and wealthy and belonged to an upper-caste Saeed family. A biochemistry graduate from Kashmir University, Andrabi shelved plans for a postgraduate course at Dalhousie.

Faktoo was five years her junior and fasci-

nated by tales of Andrabi's exploits. From deep within his hiding place in the forests of north Kashmir, Faktoo proposed marriage. She agreed. She was keen to marry into the jihadi cause. The nikah was scheduled at a rented house in Baspura near Faktoo's hideout.

But those were troubled times in Kashmir. Militancy had peaked. Andrabi, whose outfit had been banned that year, was wanted by the security forces. The groom was on the run. Army intelligence got wind of the wedding and both bride and groom had to flee.

Several days lapsed and there seemed little chance of Andrabi and Faktoo ever hooking up. But a vigorous search by Andrabi's brother put the family in touch with Faktoo, who was now in the upper reaches of the forests strung along the north Kashmir border. Another date was fixed for the wedding. This time, they didn't rent a house. Instead, the groom arrived to claim his bride in an autorickshaw, his turban hidden in a small basket.

Andrabi still remembers the day, October 30, 1990, she saw her six-foot-tall husband for the first time. He apologized profusely for being unable to buy her a wedding ring. She reassured him, insisting she would have been happy with the present of a pistol instead.

Marriage was no bed of roses for the couple. With the security forces hot on their trail, they

COULD THE ROMANCE BETWEEN ASHIQ HUSSAIN FAKTOO AND ASIYA ANDRABI BE A TEMPLATE FOR ALL THAT'S WRONG WITH INDIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH KASHMIR, ASKS PRADEEP THAKUR

were forced to change hideouts three times on their wedding night. They were arrested two years later, their six-month-old son in tow. Their baby spent the next 30 months in prison with his parents, until they were released on bail.

In two decades of married life, husband and wife have lived together just three years. In 2000, Faktoo was rearrested and sentenced to a life term. Till recently, Andrabi was on the run.

To many, they are to blame for their interrupted domesticity. Why challenge the system from without?

But they seem driven. Faktoo is considered the mastermind of the ongoing violence in the state because he is the mentor of Masrat Alam of the Muslim League, who is spearheading the unrest. Andrabi was arrested at the end of August for offences under the Public Safety Act, which include waging war against the country and inciting violence.

Faktoo and Andrabi's story lies at the heart of Kashmir's saga of unrest. It is a tale of missed chances, anger, separation and violence.

Could Faktoo have been prevented from linking up with others to resurrect a movement that is now being compared to the 1989 insurgency, minus the arms? In 2002, Ashiq recalled the 1989 movement in conversation with this correspondent: "My classmates and I decided that the time was ripe to take up the path of aggression, to snatch the freedom we had been denied for four decades." The philosophy remains much the same today; only the guns have been replaced with stones.

There have been many chances to stem the unrest. In 2005, the PM met Hurriyat leaders in the search for a lasting solution. During the negotiations, the separatists specifically asked for the release of three detainees, including Faktoo and a time-bound review of the cases against "political prisoners". The government did nothing and till now, the PM did not even think it important to reconvene talks with Kashmiri outfits.

India has missed many opportunities to influence the collective psyche, using leaders they would believe. Mirwaiz Maulvi Farooq, father of the current Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and one of Kashmir's most revered leaders after Sheikh Abdullah, was assassinated in May 1990. Exactly 12 years later, the progressive and secular Hurriyat leader, Abdul Gani Lone, was killed. Lone had mass appeal and was insistent on peaceful resolution. Then, Fazal Haq Qureshi who was involved in peace talks between Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and the Indian government, was killed. His friend and chief commander of HM in Kashmir, Abdul Majid Dar was shot dead in March 2003 when he made a similar attempt. By now, strategic thinkers in New Delhi should have realized it might make sense to work with people like Faktoo and Andrabi to build bridges.

The moral of the story? Considering the government has not managed to restrict Faktoo and Andrabi despite putting them behind bars, it could try a different route — allow them, on conditional bail, to live peacefully together with their two sons and use their fiery convictions and leadership skills to clear some space for peace.



Leh needs a hand up, not a hand out

Don't send tablets and blankets, the land known for its remote beauty now has more pressing concerns

Shreya Roy Chowdhury | TNN

They don't really need yet another bucket, blanket or stove, Ladakhis displaced by the recent floods have enough of these. When flash floods devastated villages and killed nearly 130 people on August 6, the army reached almost immediately and NGOs followed. Basic relief taken care of, there are still no solution for the more pressing problems and six weeks later, the hapless Ladakhi stills grapples with them.

Most people have lost the land they farmed. A harsh winter is round the corner and the displaced Ladakhi may have to spend it in a camp. They may be faced with an impending water crisis. The floods swept away many of Ladakh's famous "artificial glaciers", an ingenious system of stone embankments and iron pipes for capturing and channeling precious snowmelt to help farmers in Ladakh's cold desert irrigate crops — the brainchild of retired civil engineer Chhewang Norphel.

But few NGOs are willing to go beyond the plan-and-proposal stage. The reconstruction of homes is yet to begin. Asgar Ali, who runs the NGO Alamdar Health Service, recently visited the local tehsil office to enquire about the Rs 2 lakh promised by the government for reconstruction. He was told it would take another week. This is ironic, considering the women of Taru village recently queued up to receive the sixth installment of relief material.

In fact, there is a deluge of material, far in excess of what is required. "We got so much medicine from Red Cross and other foreign NGOs that they'll expire before they can all be used. It's the same with mineral water, utensils, blankets — there's so much of them that now they're being distributed in unaffected areas. About 50 trucks of fodder for livestock reached Basgo from Punjab; some of it had to be sent back," said Ali.

But there's no quick-fix solution for the agricultural land destroyed by the floodwaters. It will take at least two years to reclaim, and this, only if it's done at breakneck speed, said Sonam Jorgyes, who is directing rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in Ladakh on behalf of Mumbai's Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). The problem is compounded by the loss of top soil. Crops can be planted after the debris is cleared

only if any top soil remains. Else, it will take much longer to nurture the cold desert soil into its previous state of fertility.

Jorgyes says the loss to farmers is enormous. "A season's crop fetches the farmer Rs 30-35,000. They can sell potatoes, vegetables and fresh apricots to the Indian army. Farmers are not willing to leave their land and move to Leh. In Ladakh, if you own land, you're known in society." But more than 14,000 hectares of farmland lies buried under flood debris, says Padma Tashi of local NGO Rural Development and You (RDY). Clearing this, says Jorgyes, will require machinery, trucks and somewhere to dump the debris. "It'll be difficult in places like Taru and Achena Thang but in many villages agricultural land is reclaimable. It's challenging work and will cost about Rs 15-20,000 per canal," he adds.

If agricultural land is intact, there is still a problem because at least 90% of the irrigation channels in 34 villages have been destroyed. Several villages, including Taru, Umla, Stakmo and Phayang have lost their entire irrigation system. "We had constructed a winter water reservoir at Umla. It cost us about Rs 30 lakh and was completed on August 3. It was only used for a day before being washed away," remembers Tashi. So too a mini-dam at Taru, constructed by RDY.

Norphel says six of 11 artificial glaciers he remember working on are "fully damaged and five partially". Thirty of the 50 water reservoirs he created are "reported to have been completely damaged leaving no trace at all." "If resources are available, restoration/reconstruction will take one or two working summers. But working season is limited; it normally begins in May and lasts till October," says Norphel.

But the most urgent concern is shelter for winter. If funds are further delayed, locals will have to get started on their own. "Construction will have to start whether government money arrives in time or not," says Asgar Ali of Alamdar Health Service. "We're thinking of raising funds within the community by taking donation in the form of money or material." He adds, "Construction has to be completed by November 15. *Uske baad cement ka kaam nahin ho sakta.*"

It is a cry for help from a land the world travelled in happier times for its remote and beautiful mountainscapes.

DATELINE LADAKH

Most people have lost their land. A harsh winter is round the corner and the displaced Ladakhi may have to spend it in a camp. They may also face a water crisis. If funds are further delayed, they will have to get started on their own

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Kamalesh Sharma



In 15 days' time, Shera will roar, and the starting gun will be fired on the 19th Commonwealth Games in Delhi. From 71 nations and territories, the largest ever number of athletes at a Commonwealth Games will circle the track at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium and hundreds of millions of television viewers around the world will be watching.

As an Indian Secretary-General who now speaks on behalf of countries large and small, rich and poor on every continent, I believe they will see the very best of India, and of the Commonwealth. They will see something true to its name of 'the Friendly Games', which have come to be known as one of the most recognizable and splendid manifestations of a Commonwealth of shared values.

This country will field over a hundred athletes, while there are islands in the Pacific which will field not even three. States apart, nations, dependencies and territories will compete under their own flags. The Prince of Wales will represent the Queen, and heads of state and government, and ministers of sport will take their seats at the opening ceremony.

It promises to be a feast for the eyes and nourishment for the soul, to see the fruits of years of training and preparation rolled into a few intense days of camaraderie and rivalry, and triumph for the best. Such is the magic of sport: so many of us turn to the back pages of newspapers, and not the front, if we want to be in tune with what enthruses us most.

Behind this spectacle, viewers worldwide will see India itself, with over half

the people in the Commonwealth. This country is the Commonwealth's largest democracy, and a giant, vibrant laboratory for so many of its highest goals. They will see the results of an extraordinary and continuing exercise in human and economic progress, the transformative power of technology, and the sheer energy and spirit of a people.



In fact, India — and the preparations for the Games — have been watched from afar for many months now. Any country would have a monumental task on its hands to ready itself for this huge and extraordinary event, and the Games Organizing Committee and the Ministry of Youth and Sports, working alongside the Commonwealth Games Federation, have literally and metaphorically moved the earth to make this happen. Where preparations have gone awry, they will no doubt be vig-

ilant in learning the lessons and putting them right. The Indian government has rightly said it will pursue any and all allegations of irregularity through the proper processes: that is the only way to proceed in a democracy, and in this they have our encouragement and support.

The ledger, though, is hugely positive, and the weight of experience — and particularly the knowledge that India hosted a successful Youth Commonwealth Games in Pune two years ago — points to success and justified national pride in Delhi. This great commitment by India to the advancement of sport in the Commonwealth is widely recognised and applauded. So too India's support for Commonwealth efforts to promote the social and development dimension of sports.

The legacy of those Youth Games in Pune lay partly in infrastructure, but more in inspiration. The greatest legacy of these 19th Commonwealth Games must surely be the same. An affair of elite athletes must ultimately be true to a Commonwealth that is a home for all, not least its most vulnerable. It must bring its rewards to all: to athletes with neither shoes nor shirts, and to young boys and girls in this country and in other continents and oceans, who can come alive through sport, and learn many of life's lessons.

The Commonwealth calls for sport for all, and sport for development. Where increasingly we see the darker side of professional sport, let us look further at the dividends of amateur sport, and celebrate its ability to instil teamwork, aspiration, effort, healthy competition, and to develop individuals, groups of individuals, and even entire communities. Let us see sport as a way to advance health, education, rights, wholeness, democracy and community spirit, and let India and the Commonwealth be at the centre of that charge.

The writer is Commonwealth Secretary-General

'Why not a disabled Hamlet?'

For 30 years, Paddy Masefield, wheelchair-bound and terminally ill, has campaigned against the belief that being disabled means being incapable. In Delhi to stage a play, the 67-year-old theatre director talks to Divya A about how hard it is to be disabled and lead a normal life, in any part of the world. Excerpts:

How hard is it to prove to people — including a theatre audience — that disability does not mean incapability?

It is indeed very hard to convince "normal" people of that argument. The only way you can bring about a massive change is by engaging the media, which everybody turns to. If I was to work in India, I would have worked in Bollywood, in movies about disabled people. I believe one-fourth of the people in the world are differently-abled and we have to fight for them to be included in the mainstream — like we had to fight for the rights of women or for Black people.

Don't theatre audiences generally start out wanting the actors to be whole and not disabled? Doesn't it therefore make sense to use actors who, for instance, have full use of their legs?

Although Shakespeare never said Hamlet was paralyzed or without his arms or legs, but no one said Hamlet had to be a whole-bodied. There was a time when even the character of women was played by men. Gradually, we can get used to seeing disabled people playing the part of disabled, before they start playing nor-

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mal characters. Theatres have provisions for disabled audiences but not actors or directors. We have only six good disabled theatre actors in the UK, and there are no roles for them on television.

Why do disabled people all over the world have limited access to education, transport and employment?

Photo: Divya A

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It's very hard to be disabled and lead a normal life. Either you can't get a job, or if you get a job, you can't get a bus to get there. You can't go on a holiday, because airlines are used to moving people and their luggage, they have no experience of moving wheelchairs. And it's the same all over — this is how societies treat disabled people. Disability is a metaphor for everything that's wrong in society.

Do you ever dream of a life sans pain? I'd say it's certainly not the best of lives that I have got but yes, I have never thought of ending my life.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Just a handful of Bollywood films showed disabled people in a positive way

Koshish (1972) | Story of a deaf and mute couple

Sparsh (1980) | Lead pair is visually impaired

Khamoshi (1996) | Protagonist's parents are deaf and mute

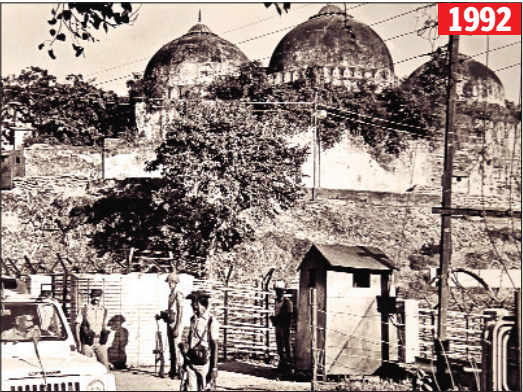
Black (2005) | Story of a deaf, mute and blind girl

Lafangey Parindey (2010) | Story of a blind but ambitious dancer



As India waits with bated breath for a crucial high court verdict on the future of the disputed site in Ayodhya, **Shobhan Saxena** finds a town crammed with cyber cafes and English language coaching centres and desperately in search of a new brand identity

BEYOND GROUND ZERO



The six-lane national highway from Lucknow cuts through green paddy fields. Faizabad arrives without warning. The city is one straight road with narrow lanes radiating from it and vanishing into a jumble of old, half-built houses. At eye level, the city is a bazaar, selling sweets, spices, tobacco, medicines, condoms, film rolls, holy water and anything else one may need. A few kilometres on and the road becomes the main street of Ayodhya. Here, every other building is a temple. But it also has new shopfronts—all glass cabin, bright lights and modern names. Ayur Beauty Clinic, Hello Doctor Coaching Centre, Hi-Fi Midnight Disco, Easy English, Lovely Sweets and Clinic. The roads seem to be meant for cows, goats and dogs. And monkeys rule the rooftops.

The locals — 1.5 lakh of them — fight for space with the animals, diesel-spewing autorickshaws and monstrous police trucks filled with men carrying every variant of the Kalashnikov. The town has no beginning. But it has an end — the ghats on the Sarayu river, which is wide and in spate. From the bridge on the river, the town looks like a sepia-toned photo — temples with withered masonry and mildewed walls. But, the town is both decaying and booming at the same time. Mobile phone towers rise from temple walls, dwarfing their spires. Tiny satellite dishes sit outside their windows.

Ayodhya has its Ground Zero — a 90 feet by 110 feet platform on which the Babri Masjid stood till it was razed by a fanatical mob in 1992. Today, a small makeshift temple with idols of Ram, Laxman and Sita stands at the site. Around it, 47 acres of land are barricaded with steel fences and barbed wire and protected by armed jawans who maintain a vigil round the clock.

On Friday (September 24), the Allahabad High Court's Lucknow bench will deliver its verdict on a 60-year-old case that will either order the resurrection of the 428-year-old mosque or pave the way for a temple to be built at the disputed site. A wary government has been moving security forces to Ayodhya in order to prevent trouble on the day of judgment. At every street corner there is a man with an automatic rifle.

The locals are increasingly irritated. They want to reclaim their city — from the security forces, the courts, quarrelling religious groups. "Whatever the judgment of the court we will respect it. If the matter was left to people of Ayodhya it would have been resolved by now," says Satyendra Das, head priest of Ram-janambhoomi Mandir.

Just a week before the verdict in the title suit, which actually lists the two plaintiffs as "Bhagwan Shri Ram Lala Virajman and Asthan Shri Ram Janmabhoomi", the people of Ayodhya are indifferent to the issue and fiercely opposed to the politics of it. Even as the state government tries to prove that it can maintain law and order and discredited politicians try to stir up religious emotions, Ayodhya says it wants to move on from the past. "Those who ran a violent movement for temple forgot Ram, when they came to power. The supporters of the masjid too behaved like this when they were in power or close to it. Now they are all worried about it. That worries us," says Khalid Rashid Faranagi Mahali, a prominent Sunni leader of UP.

"No one in Ayodhya wants violence in the name of masjid or mandir," says Anil Kumar Singh, who teaches literature at the Saket Postgraduate College.

It would be a lie to say Ayodhya has forgotten December 6, 1992. It is not as if the local people don't care about religion. Ayodhya has close to 20,000 temples. Till 1992, it had five mosques. Now, it has three. "Why should we kill or die for a temple when almost every house here has a temple. The whole city belongs to Ram. Why restrict him to just one disputed place," says Ramkishan Yadav, who runs a tea stall in front of the Saket College. "All the politics and violence in the name of temple has given Ayodhya a bad image. We want that image to change," says Yadav. A group of students drinking tea nod in agreement.

It's in this part of the town — near the college but not far from Ground Zero — that the New Ayodhya's new aspirations become very apparent. Young men and women at Yadav's teashop and everywhere else express complete contempt for the mosque versus temple issue. They are hungry for education. The college has 14,000 students. The area is dotted with billboards offering professional courses, coaching for MBA exams, call centre training and English-speaking classes. In a two-km stretch, there are at least 12 centres offering lessons in spoken English. Most of these centres are doing good business, with even boys and girls from nearby villages

Photos: Manoj Chhabra



enrolling for courses in spoken and written English. It's part of their plan to seek a future beyond Ayodhya. "After graduation, I want to go to Lucknow or Delhi for a professional degree and look for a job there. Ayodhya doesn't have any job opportunities and I don't want to live here all my life," says Wasim Ahmed, 21, a smartly-dressed student who speaks good English.

At Yadav's teashop and in the various broadband cyber cafes dotted around the conversation veers to big-city dreams, careers and relationships. Ayodhya's young

UNDER SIEGE Ayodhya's young people are constantly trying to find ways to overcome the stigma of living in a city that has become a byword for communalism

people want a new, different future. "Every time something happens, they send the force here. They are now living in our college. They harass local people and because of them the prices of food and other essential things go up. We don't want this kind of life and the outsiders should stop playing their dirty political games here," says Kumar Gautam, a student.

Ayodhya has a pretty good record of communal harmony. In 1992, when communal frenzy gripped the whole country, riots did not break out here. The locals take pride in their inter-faith heritage, recounting the fact that Tulsidas, Umrao Jaan and Begum Akhtar lived here. Hindus and Muslims share history and the economic opportunities available. "Most of the things in the temple such as flower garlands, wooden khadaam, clothes, etc are made by Muslim craftsmen. The syncretic tradition has been very strong here," says Singh.

The seeds of the dispute were sown here when idols of Ram, Laxman and Sita "mysteriously appeared" inside the mosque in 1949. The man who started the litigation process in 1950, Mahant Paramchand Ramchandra Das, was local. But Ayodhya wants to move on from the past. Right now, it is studiously ignoring rabble rousers. Just days ago, former UP chief minister Kalyan Singh tried to resurrect his political career with an "Ayodhya march". He was ignored by the locals and snubbed by the mahants.

Ayodhya has suffered from its past but it's in no mood to carry the burdens of it much longer. The young want their town to catch up with the rest of India. The old are hopeful the dispute can be resolved locally. And everyone is ready to accept the court verdict "whatever it is". Ayodhya 2010 is in a different time zone — suspended between an unquiet past and an unclear future.

In Incredible India, many faiths coexist

Divya A | TNN

India is a curious place where dichotomies can coexist — in harmony. In Ayodhya, Mathura and Benaras, two religious communities struggle over sacred space. But elsewhere, there is space sacred to two or more religions. Consider this.

- In a remote village in Kashmir's militancy-affected Pulwama district, Hindus perform a havan to one side of a Muslim shrine, while Muslims offer namaz on the other.
- During the Sabarimala pilgrimage in Kerala, devotees pay their respects at the Vavar mosque before they proceed to worship Lord Ayyappa.
- Hindus and Muslims routinely pray together at the 600-year-old Imamuddin dargah in Pirana, a small village near Ahmedabad.

If anything, this really is incredible India. Examples of shared sacred space abound — in big and small towns and villages. It is common to see a Hindu idol next to a mosque or a dargah, all shaded by a giant tree. Often, Hindus and Muslims negotiate, creating their own dynamic solutions — praying side by side or taking turns in fixed time slots.

So, what of the Kashmiri village in Pulwama, the Ayyappa devotees at the Vavar mosque and the inter-faith harmony at the dargah in Pirana village in Gujarat? For Kashmir and Kerala, it is said to be old habits rather than a new kind of harmony. Locals say that even though most Kashmiri pandits have left the village, they are driven by habit to participate in the annual urs of Hazrat Sayeed Akbar-ud-din.

In Kerala, Ayyappa devotees still follow the instructions of their prince to pay homage to his friend and comrade in battle, Muslim chieftain Vavar. Prince Ayyappa had asked his father to build a shrine in memory of Vavar close to the main temple and legend has it he instructed devotees to visit the temple only after they had visited the Vavar shrine.

Interestingly, Gujarat's Pirana village shares sacred space for presumed family reasons. Roughly 85% of the followers of the sect are Hindu, but Muslims followers are considered direct descendants of saint Imamuddin.

There are more recent examples of inter-faith coexistence. Just last week, the locals stumbled on a curious find in Dhusva Kala village in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district. As they set out to restore Muslim tombs on gram

panchayat land, the labourers found a stone shivalinga and a Nandi bull, the lord's carrier. As news of the "divine appearance" spread, devotees of both faiths thronged the site. A worried Jameel Ahmad, the village head, approached fellow panchayat member Pradeep Mishra. Within the hour, they had a blueprint "to avoid another mandir-masjid fiasco". The land would be divided into equal halves and "Hindus would be allowed to construct a temple and install the shivalinga, Muslims will confine themselves to the other portion and retain the tomb," Ahmad explained.

Sociologist Shiv Visvanathan says it is natural to share sacred space because religion, in itself, is not divisive and people share memories of some places, so it is right they share access to them. "It's only when history and politics come into

SYNCRETIC SPOTS

Two examples from elsewhere of shared sacred space

Temple Mount, Jerusalem | The

Jews' holiest site and Muslims' third holiest. One of the most fiercely contested religious sites in the world

Zeyrek Church Mosque, Turkey |

Formerly the Church of the Monastery of Pantocrator, it became a mosque after the Ottoman takeover. Now functions as a mosque, though bits of the church remain

play that disputes arise — when in place of an 'and', you want to codify the debate into 'either', 'or,' he says.

He may have a point. Politics crept up on Gujarat's Pirana dargah some years ago and a barbed wire fence was installed to separate the masjid from the dargah. Muslims are now confined to the mosque area and a Hindu trust has taken over the dargah premises. Now, Hindus don't go to the mosque area, explains a local, adding bitterly: "In our village, there is no discrimination, but they are creating it within the shrine".

With reports from Ananthakrishnan G in Thiruvananthapuram and Manjari Mishra in Lucknow

18 years on, have we learnt the lessons of Ayodhya?

Najeeb Jung

The Babri Masjid was demolished on December 6, 1992. The act triggered weeks of communal riots and a decade of distrust between Hindus and Muslims, culminating in carnage in Gujarat in 2002. Now, the ghost of the Babri Masjid has been stirring again.

It has taken 60 years for the case to reach a conclusion. That has meant 60 years of Hindu and Muslim unease. The anxiety stems from lack of confidence in the government's ability to ensure rule of law will prevail. To most right-thinking people the conclusion should be clear: The process of law has been followed and the doors of further legal recourse remain open to the losing party. The bogey of faith or politics have no relevance. But, too often have people got away with breaking the law. Too often have governments been cowed into inaction by powerful groups. This is why it is important that after such a long wait, India is able to accept this judgment with impartiality and equal-

nity minus the clichés of faith, bullying by numbers and political calculations. The message from the Union government must be unequivocal — the law will be upheld at any cost.

Nineteen years ago, Prime Minister Narasimha Rao fell into the classic trap of doing little else but initiating a backroom dialogue with various parties. Corrupt and inefficient interlocutors often misled him. Rao later said he was misled by the UP government, which claimed it was prepared for every eventuality even as the VHP and others mobilized large numbers of people. The government ignored the cardinal principle of law and order maintenance. Security forces cannot act against thousands of their own people. The numbers allowed to gather in Ayodhya were so large that the police became passive onlookers, and in the midst of passionate speeches and slogan-shouting, frenzied mobs brought down the 16th century structure. Rao's belief that "no action is also an action" blew up in his face and the nation gasped as large parts of India were sucked

into communal riots.

Once again, the governments of India and UP are on the alert. The chief minister has deployed a significant number of forces and asked for more from the Centre. The Union cabinet has met to



SANE VOICES: A peace rally in UP ahead of the verdict

discuss the possible reaction and the steps to be taken. As for the protagonists, mercifully the Babri Masjid Action Committee, the Muslim Personal Law Board and sundry other Muslim outfits have said they will abide by the verdict. The RSS has also changed its earlier position that this was a matter of faith and bhakti and therefore beyond the jurisdiction of man made courts. It now says that it will allow the sants to lead from the front, irrespective of the verdict, and with the help of legislation if necessary. The VHP's threatened national agitation has failed to take off to date. By and large there is restraint on all sides.

Clearly, the Union government has to take the initiative to ensure that no one takes the law into their hands. This will require measures that either Rao did not have the courage to choose or chose not to take. One, the UP government must be supported with the maximum possible police and paramilitary power that the Centre can manage. Two, the Union Government must immediately initiate dialogue with everyone involved,

making it clear that the doors of legal recourse remain open and no one, simply no one, will be allowed to take the law in their hands. Three, it must be ensured that known undesirable elements in UP and trouble-prone districts in other states are rounded up under preventive sections of the Criminal Procedure Code well before the judgement. Four, it should be made clear to district magistrates and police superintendents that they will be directly responsible for communal incidents in their districts.

The message must be clear — we have suffered enough at the hands of irrational radicals of different faiths. The message to seminars and temples, to religious leaders of all hues and shades, and to the public at large must be straightforward — we will not allow India to go the way of Pakistan and Iran where religion is scorching the trails of civil society.

The writer, a former civil servant, is vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi

OFF THE SHELF

BRIDGING THE LANGUAGE GAP

Two offerings – from North and South – bring regional voices to the English-speaking world

Erica Rothenberg

Shimla, Garhwal, Srinagar... We've come to associate these names with paradise. Nestled high above metropolitan India, hill stations offer a much-needed opportunity to escape from the hustle and bustle of life in a big city. They serve as a visible record of India's past, reminding us what came before independence.

These mountain retreats also possess a unique, central Himalayan folk culture. But, their folktales are translated but rarely and have remained largely unpublished. To make them more accessible, Kusum Budhwar resolved to work on an English translation. It took her years of research but the result is surely as powerful as she'd intended.

Budhwar's compilation is beautifully crafted. Her command of English gives each translation a distinctly contemporary voice, and the book's eight categories revive timeless tales of pastoral deities, acts of heroism, epic romances and mythological creatures. Each story is preceded by an informative introduction, allowing those unfamiliar with central Himalayan folklore to appreciate the richness of the culture.

Many of Budhwar's translations give historical context to modern locales and readers are likely to find many of her subjects familiar. For example, most have heard of Almora, the town where

Jawaharlal Nehru was imprisoned during the independence movement. But Budhwar narrates an older tale, which precedes Nehru's by nearly two centuries. She follows Kalyan Singh, an overzealous raja whose lack of faith causes once-powerful Almora to be taken, as well as the downfall of the Chand dynasty.

Other sections contain religious anecdotes, engaging elements of both Hindu and Sikh scripture. Budhwar's vivid retelling of young Krishna's encounter with Kaliya Naag dates back to the Bhagavata Purana. Another chapter, entitled "A Guru's Miracle: Meetha Reetha Sahib," chronicles Guru Nanak's third spiritual journey and the subsequent establishment of Meetha Reetha Sahib Gurdwara.

India's hill stations are more than a great location for romantic hotels and breathtaking panoramas. They offer a seldom-seen view of Himalayan culture, which has been without a voice in English. This confined it to the hills in which it originated. "Where Gods Dwell" takes the story of the central Himalayas to English readers everywhere.



Amrith Lal | TNN

In her author's note to "Othappu", a novel that recently won the Crossword prize, Sarah Joseph talks about her teenage longing to be one with Christ. The way to be with Him was to become a nun. But she did not get the call from God. Instead, she chose to become a writer but never abandoned Christ. "Othappu" is her search for Christ. It is both the quest for a new spirituality built on norms of social, economic and gender justice and a seething critique of organized religion. Politics and poetics converge to produce a fine novel.

Margalitha leaves the convent when she faces a crisis of faith in the order and seeks Christ outside the church. Her quest turns into a search for a Christ unbound, unshackled by the Church and the burden of tradition. It is a woman's quest for a God who doesn't insist on a separation of sexuality and spirituality. She is ostracized by her family and the community but finds support from people who are far removed from the powerful institutions of religion. In the end, Margalita understands that she needs to tell the story of the son of Joseph anew. Through her journey, we get a glimpse of the failures of the institutionalized God and alternative ways of reaching Christ. According to Valson Thampu, a theologian who translated "Othappu", the book is a case study about any individual in any religion who's seeking the truth of faith. And that's the universality of it. Thampu believes that organized Christianity is not ready for the powerful questions



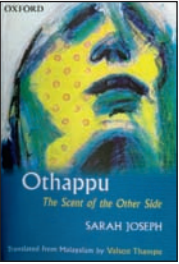
FAITH UNSHACKLED: Searching for Christ outside church

Sarah asks. The hope of the individual, according to him, lies with biblical Christianity, not church Christianity.

Othappu is representative of Sarah Joseph's world of words. Her short stories and novels are often radical readings of stories and situations. They tend to be polemical. Her political activism permeates her writings and she's proud of it. Satchidanandan, well-known poet and critic, says she brought about a paradigm shift in Malayalam literature. "There were writers like Balamaniamma, Sugathakumari and Madhavikutty (Kamala

Das), but Sarah was the first consciously feminist writer in the language. She's a great myth-maker and a myth-breaker. In Aalahayude Penmakal (Daughters of Alaha), she created a new myth whereas in her Ramayana stories she is demythifying or creating or revising existing myths with the idea of women's freedom and space at the centre," says Satchidanandan.

This aspect distinguishes Sarah Joseph from contemporary Malayalam writers. Her "Puthuramayanam" (New Ramayanam) is a retelling of Ramayana sto-



Othappu (The Scent of the Other Side) Sarah Joseph OUP Rs 395, pages 290



TAKING TIMELY MEASURES: Outside a showroom in Delhi

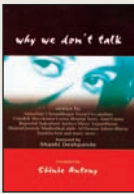
Mosquito: The Story of Man's Deadliest Foe – Andrew Spielman and Michael D'Antonio

A lively account of how mosquitoes breed, live and die; how malaria devastated ancient Rome's invaders and fevers plagued West Nile. Mosquito Bite – Alexandra Sij Interesting photographs, including of a female Culex mosquito looking for a meal.

Mosquito Soldiers: Malaria, Yellow Fever, and the Course of the American Civil War – Andrew McIlwaine Bell

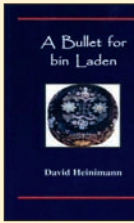
How the American Civil War was affected by a scourge caused by mosquitoes. The mosquito could wipe out whole armies in just a few weeks and this had important political and military ramifications in the 1860s. In fact, mosquitoes were almost like a third army, affecting the very success of key military operations.

Digested READ Quick takes on new titles



Why We Don't Talk Compiled by Shinee Antony Rupa & Co, Rs 295, 239 pages

A 'short and sweet' collection of 27 stories, some by well-known Indian writers. This volume is like a breath of fresh air – poignant, serious, funny, bitter-sweet and quirky. Amit Varma's "Urban Planning" is a hilarious account of how politicians, media and the police are foxed by the mysterious movement of landmark buildings in Mumbai. Anita Nair's "Trespass" tells the story of a chance meeting between two women, one of whom is the mistress of the other's husband. Samhita Arni's "My Great Grandpa" is one of the best of the lot. Great collection with a brilliant mix of stories.



A Bullet for Bin Laden By David Heinemann Duane Design \$15.99, 218 pages

A political novel, spanning countries. It tells the story of a young man whose chance meeting with SK,

leader of an international agency for human rights intelligence and security, takes him on a journey. It turns out to be a life-changing one. He becomes a member of Senn, the sect SK heads. In due course, he meets and marries Ruperta, a human rights activist. The novel jumps, rather irritatingly, from a secret Christian sect to the spread of al-Qaida and terrorism, the London bombings, ethnic cleansing in Kosovo and then to the war in Afghanistan. It tries to include just about every political crisis in the world centering around Islam. A tough read.



Perfekt Anger By Vikram Batra Vikasta Rs 245, 314 pages

The blurb says the book tracks the journey of two young people – Vir and Mark – across time and place. That may sound mildly interesting but it's a complex idea that needed to be properly executed. This is a debut novel and it carries on introducing new plot lines and characters for nearly a hundred pages. The reader is left pretty confused. How did Mark, who is an artificial intelligent being from the future, become friends with Vir, a regular guy? Who is Vir anyway? Why does he need to travel to the Himalayas in search of peace?

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR – 721 302 Estate Civil Head Office
Invitation for Expression of Interest
No.EE(C)/IIT/TEN/2010-11/24 Dt. 10.9.2010
Indian Institute Of Technology Kharagpur requests an Expression of Interest (EOI) from resourceful & eminent contractors to participate in the following job:
Widening and development of roads of IIT Kharagpur campus including storm water drainage.
Estimated cost: Rs.36.00 Crore
Last date of submission of EOI: **30.09.2010**
For details of EOI please visit Institute website: <http://www.iitkgp.ac.in>. Executive Engineer (Civil)

South East Central Railway
CORRIGENDUM
(1) Tender No. S/25/NGP/2010-11 for the work " Provision of limited height sub way at LC. No. GCF-10,61,84,90,111 and 122 on Gondia-Chandafort section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Nagbhir & (2) The tender No. S/26/NGP/10-11 for the work "Provision of limited height sub way at LC. No. GCF-73,75,76,79,80,82 and 83 on Gondia-Chandafort section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Nagbhir" schedule to be opened on 29.09.2010 is postponed and will be opened on 06.10.2010 at 15.05 Hours. The following changes may please be noted.

Description	As advertised	As revised
Date & time of Sale of tender form	10.00 hrs of 15.09.2010 up to 12.00 hrs on 29.09.2010 in all working days.	10.00 hrs. of 22.09.2010 up to 12.00 hrs on 06.10.2010 in all working days.
Date & time for submission of tender form in tender box	10.00 hrs of 15.09.2010 upto 15.00 hrs on 29.09.2010 in all working days.	10.00 hrs of 22.09.2010 up to 15.00 hrs on 06.10.2010 in all working days.
Date & time of opening of tender	15.05 hrs on 29.09.2010	15.05 hrs on 06.10.2010

3. Tender No. : C/23/NGP/2010-11 for the work (i)Complete Track Renewal (P) on Nagpur-Durg (BG) section total 2.50 km between Kaluma-Ilwari-Nagpur. (ii) Through Rail Renewal (S) of 2.5 km of Kamptee & Kanhan yard lines under the jurisdiction of ADEN(Track)/NGP (iii) Through Fastening Renewal 26.55 Km between Khat-Nagpur under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Track/NGP 1116/7-1117/30 UP = 1.75 Km ; 1120/0-1124/31 UP=5.00 Km. 1125/0-1129/20 DN = 4.50 Km; 1122/0-1123/8 DN =1.30 Km. 1079/0-1093/0 DN = 14.00 Km; Total = 26.55 Km. (4) Through Turn out Renewal (Derailing switches) 09 numbers under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Track/NGP. (5). Deep screening by BCM 8.0 km from km 1079-km 1087 UP and by manual method 15.25 km in yards of Khat (approach), Salwa, Kanhan, Rewal,Kamptee, Tharsa, Ilwari & Chacher under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Track/NGP." schedule to be opened on 22.09.2010 is postponed and will be opened on 06.10.2010 at 15.05 Hours. The following changes may please be noted.

Description	As advertised	As revised
Date & time for sale of tender form	10.00 hrs. of 08.09.2010 upto 12.00 hrs on 22.09.2010 in all working days.	10.00 hrs of 22.09.2010 up to 12.00 hrs on 06.10.2010 in all working days.
Date & time for submission of tender form in tender box	10.00 hrs of 08.09.2010 upto 15.00 hrs on 22.09.2010 in all working days.	10.00 hrs of 22.09.2010 up to 15.00 hrs on 06.10.2010 in all working days.
Date & time of opening of tender	15.05 hrs on 22.09.2010	15.05 hrs on 06.10.2010

Other matters remained unchanged

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) SEC Railway, Nagpur
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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No. 36/10 DATED : 17.09.2010
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS
Controller of Stores, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites sealed Tenders on behalf of the President of India for supply of the following items:

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Brief Description	Quantity	Due Date	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)
01	11.10.5109 T.17 Spares for WDG 4 loco spares	1 set	19.10.10	88,900/-	1,040/-

NOTE:
1) Cost of tender document is inclusive of VAT @4%. Postage @ Rs. 50/- extra is charged per tender document.
2) Tender documents may be obtained from the Office of the Controller of Stores by sending a request indicating tender no. and due date and enclosing a Demand Draft towards cost of tender document. Demand Draft should be drawn in favor of The Chief Cashier, South Central Railway, Secunderabad and Demand Draft drawn on any other name/designation will not be entertained.
3) Detailed description / specification and all other terms and conditions are available with the tender schedule.
4) The above tender documents are also available on our website 'tenders.gov.in' -> tenders by agency-> Central Government Min/ Department -> South Central Railway' or 'http://scrrailway.gov.in->Tenders->SCR Tender Notices'. These two web-sites permit downloading of tender documents. While submitting the offer on tender documents downloaded from web-site, tenderers should attach a Demand Draft payable at Secunderabad towards cost of tender documents in addition to a separate Demand Draft for Earnest Money Deposit. Sealed tenders should be dropped in the tender box provided at Room No. 606, 6th Floor, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Separate tender boxes are provided for A.Ts. Tenderers should ensure dropping the Tender in correct box in their own interest.

TENDER CLOSING TIME : 14.00 hrs
TENDER OPENING TIME : 14.30 hrs.
Reception Telephone No. for tender enquiries 040 -2778 5466

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
The following tenders have been floated through e-Procurement. Tenderers are requested to visit the web-site www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers. It may be noted that offers submitted manually or on paper will not be accepted. Offers sent by post are not entertained. **Tender Closing time is 14.30 hrs of the due date of the tender.**

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Due Date	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)
1	10101261	Modified after cooler	22.10.2010	1040/-	70,848/-
2	16101005	Non-asbestos composite brake block	22.10.2010	520/-	23,600/-
3	17101009	Modified auto drain valve	21.10.2010	520/-	27,540/-
4	25102905	Low maintenance lead acid battery	20.10.2010	2080/-	1,65,000/-
5	25103364	Contact segment assembly	21.10.2010	1040/-	45,000/-
6	37101416	Door hinge foot	19.10.2010	520/-	18,000/-
7	38102157	APD for angle cock	19.10.2010	520/-	20,000/-
8	42101163	Double capped fluorescent lamp	28.10.2010	1040/-	40,000/-
9	42101392	Luminaire for single 28W	28.10.2010	2080/-	1,23,750/-
10	45101264	V deep 6 grooved axle pulley	27.10.2010	2080/-	1,37,000/-
11	45101396	Set of 120 Ah VRLA batteries	26.10.2010	2080/-	10,00,000/-
12	45105085	100 VA inverter and 6 Amps	29.10.2010	2080/-	1,02,000/-
13	46105032	Hard drawn round copper	29.10.2010	1040/-	36,000/-
14	75101342	Densified polyester blocks	22.10.2010	1040/-	84,400/-
15	77101145	Paint ready mix red oxide	29.10.2010	2080/-	2,16,800/-
16	81101082	Cleaning Solvent for electrical rotating	28.10.2010	1040/-	94,300/-

CORRIGENDUM
TENDER NOTICE NO. 33/10
Tender No. 30.10.1903 - B
1. Tender Due date may be read as 13.10.2010 instead of existing.
2. Earnest Money Deposit may be read as Rs. 2,25,000/- instead of existing
3. Quantity may be read as 999 Nos. instead of existing.
4. DP as for Delivery Schedule.

Visit our website at "http://www.ireps.gov.in"

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SMS TO 8121281212 FOR ANY RAILWAY COMPLAINT/SUGGESTION

JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 4, Fax : 0651–2400799
TENDER NOTICE No. 285 /PR/JSEB/10 - 11
Invitation of Tender for:
Supply, installation and commissioning of Boundary and Feeder Meters in 33 kV, 11 kV line with D.P., metering units, in JSEB Power system on turnkey basis.
Tender Schedule

Sl. No.	Item	Estimated Date
1	Sale of Bid Documents starts on	17.09.2010 (From 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM)
2	Pre Bid conference with quarries.	28.09.2010 at 11:35 AM at Hqr. Ranchi.
3	Last date of Sale of Tender Documents	09.10.2010 up to 2:10 PM
4	Last date and time of submission of Tender Documents	11.10.2010 at 2.30 PM
5	Last date and time of Opening of the Technical & Commercial Part	11.10.2010 at 3:30 PM
6	Opening of the Price Part	To be communicated later on

Volume of Work:

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Qty.	Work to accomplish
1	33 kV Metering Unit with Feeder Meter	No.	161	The work has to be done in 30 towns selected by the PFC in Jharkhand under R-APDRP. In this connection Boundary meter & Feeder meters have to be installed in existing 33 & 11 kV lines around these towns and the P/S/S respectively. It includes erection of DP, fittings of channels & insulators, installation & commissioning of metering units & meters.
2	11 kV Metering Unit with Feeder Meter	No.	263	
3	33 kV Metering Unit with Boundary Meter	No.	4	
4	11 kV Metering Unit with Boundary Meter	No.	193	
5	6.6 kV Metering Unit with Feeder Meter	No.	4	
6	3.3 kV Metering Unit with Feeder Meter	No.	3	
7	6.6 kV Metering Unit with Boundary Meter	No.	3	

1. Qualifying Criteria:
The Bidder
i) Should have experience of supply, Installation & Commissioning of HT meters or 33 kV, 11 kV metering units during last three years starting from 2006 – 07. Completion/ Performance certificate by the client on the client's letter head must be submitted to evaluate their work experience and value of works.
ii) Work experience of the similar nature within last three financial years starting from 2006 – 07 shall be as mentioned below:-
a) Value of single similar work should not be less than Rs. 6.4 Crore or
b) Value of two similar works should not be less than Rs. 4 Crore each or
c) Value of three similar works should not be less than 2.5 Crore each.
iii) Must have an average turn over of Rs. 2.50 Crore and above per year during the last three consecutive years starting from 2006 – 07. They will submit audited profit & loss A/c and balance sheet signed by the Chartered Accountants in this regard.
iv) Should have a valid electrical license for 33 kV or above installations issued by the State of Jharkhand. Incase of non availability of the same, it must be submitted before opening of the price part. A proof of applying for the same with the Jharkhand Govt. must be submitted with the tender documents.
v) Should have latest Sales Tax Clearance Certificate from the States where they are registered.
vi) Should submit an affidavit for the correctness of all the documents in support of the Bid qualifying conditions. Apart from rejecting the offer outright, legal actions will be taken if any submitted fact (S) is found wrong or misleading.
vii) Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer (APDRP) or it may down loaded from the web site www.Jharkhand.gov.in.
viii) Cost of the tender document will be Rs. 5000/- . It may be deposited in shape of DD in favour of DDA (Sect.), JSEB at Ranchi with the Bid document (Technical Part).
ix) Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lac) may be submitted in form of DD/ BG from any Nationalized Bank against Earnest Money Deposit in favour of Dy. Director of Accounts (Sect.), JSEB payable at Ranchi.
x) Conditional Bid having any deviation from the NIT/ Technical & Commercial Part is liable to be rejected outright. A certificate in this regard must be submitted.
xi) The offer will be submitted in two separate sealed envelop (i) Commercial and Technical Part with EMD & proof of deposition of cost of BOQ with (ii) sealed Price Part covered in the sealed envelope.
xii) Joint Venture is not allowed.
xiii) JSEB can reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons thereof.
xiv) The bidder is requested to submit their pre-evaluation sheet based on the above qualification in the format mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Qualification asked	Qualification submitted	Reference Page No. of the Bid	Remarks

Above tender is also available on website www.jharkhand.gov.in
"Save Energy for the Benefit of self and Nation."

Sd/- (A. K. Ghosh)
Chief Engineer (APDRP)

IE9 beta: Power-packed, BUT NOT FOR EVERYONE

The most popular browser in the world just got one of its biggest makeovers. We take a closer look at Internet Explorer 9 beta

Nimish Dubey

For most people, surfing the internet has become synonymous with clicking on the 'e' icon on their computers to launch Internet Explorer (IE). And while it is by far the most popular browser in the world, of late, IE had seen increasing threat from others such as Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and Opera that claim to be faster, have more features, and more secure. Microsoft's answer to all these criticisms has been to unveil a new version of the browser: Internet Explorer 9 (IE9).

A beta that looks good...

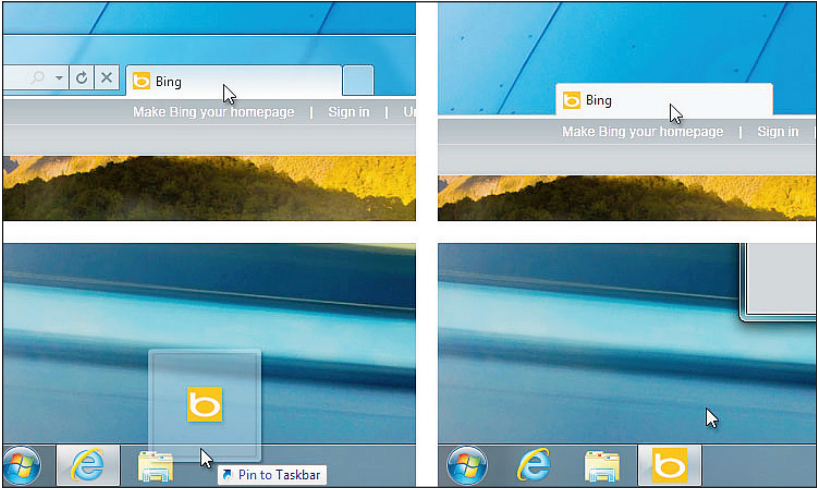
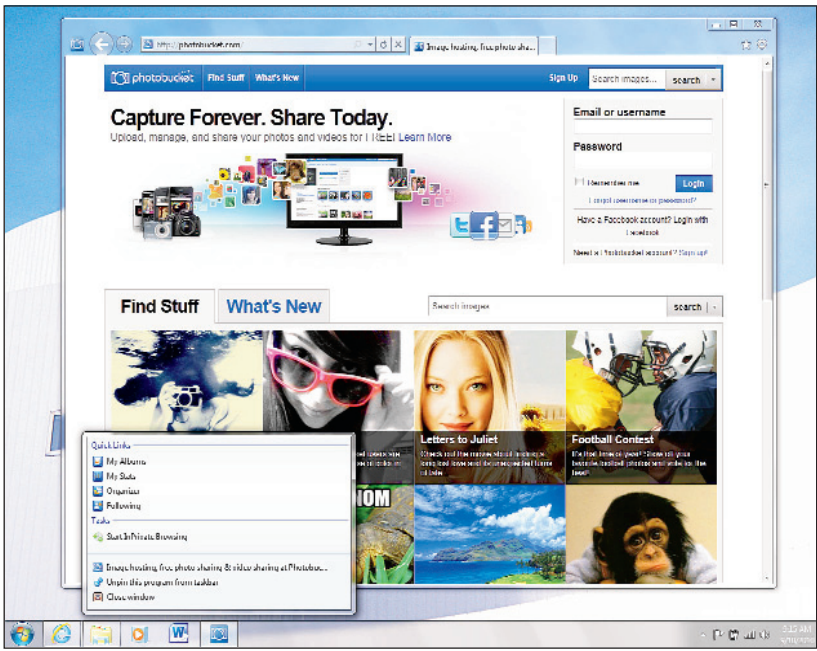
The new browser is currently in a beta version, which means that while it has a number of features and is generally usable, it is not quite the finished article, and therefore is liable to the odd crash and fumble. But for all its alleged rough edges, there can be no doubting that IE9 does represent a significant step forward for browsers in general. First, you will have to get over the slightly tedious task of installing it: Download it from <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-IN/internet-explorer/download/ie-9/worldwide>; then wait for updates to be installed, and finally restart the computer to get things working properly.

However, once you get started, your patience is amply rewarded. IE9 sports a minimalistic look that seems similar to Google Chrome. Gone are the crowded toolbars, and in its place is a simple address bar with some navigation buttons (back, forward, refresh, and so on).

The back and forward buttons also change colour depending on the site you are browsing. The result is a much cleaner, uncluttered appearance.

Incidentally, the address bar—where you key-in the address of the website you wish to visit—now doubles as a search bar, just like in Chrome and Firefox. However, in a neat addition, even as you type what you are looking for, suggestions keep popping up below.

For instance, if you are searching for the weather in Mumbai, by the time



EXPLORE THIS: (Top) Internet Explorer 9 has got the transparent Windows 7 look. It also sports a minimalistic look that is similar to Google Chrome. (Above) You can now drag down a tab of a site you visit frequently and pin it to the Windows taskbar at the bottom of the screen where it will appear like the icon of an application. The next time you want to visit the site, just click on the icon on the taskbar and you will be on your way

you finishing typing "Mumbai weather" you will not only have a list of things you could search for, but also the current weather conditions of the metropolis—this, even before you hit the Search button.

...is power-packed...

There are other new features as well. You can now drag down a tab of a site you visit frequently and pin it to the Windows taskbar at the bottom of the screen where it will appear like the icon

of an application. So the next time you want to visit the site, just click on the icon on the taskbar and you will be on your way.

In the case of certain websites, such as Facebook and Twitter, you can also right-click on the icon to bring up a "jump list", which lets you perform a variety of tasks like post new messages, view mentions and news and so on.

In fact, in Facebook, the icon even displays a red dot whenever you have a new message, saving you the trouble of going to the site.

Also, thanks to better handling of HTML 5, you can browse the internet in a much faster and interactive manner; with much better handling of games and videos than on any other browser.

Another reason for IE9's better performance is its utilisation of a computer's resources: If your machine has an advanced graphics card, the browser will use it to render a better image or video, giving you a richer experience.

And if you think that the add-ons—small applications that let you do things from within a browser, such as check your Gmail or tweet—are slowing down your surfing, simply use the Manage add-ons feature to see which one is affecting the performance of IE9, and shut it down.

IE 9 has got the features to take on the best (browsers), but alas, it is not for all Windows users. As of now, the new browser is available only for those who have Windows Vista (Service Pack 2) and Windows 7

...but is not for everyone

IE9 has got the looks (all the see-through joys of Windows 7 are here), the speed and the features to take on the best, but alas, it is not for all Windows users. As of now, the new browser is available only for those who have Windows Vista (Service Pack 2) and Windows 7. Windows XP users—who comprise roughly half of all those using Windows computers in the world (including most netbooks)—cannot use the new software at all.

From what we heard during our interaction with Microsoft, there are no plans to make a version for Windows XP. The fact that the browser also uses the resources of the computer such as graphics cards for better rendering means that it delivers different results on different computer, and also tends to eat away a bit (but not too much) of the battery life on notebooks.

And, while IE9 is definitely faster than earlier editions of IE, we still found Google Chrome to be much faster on most sites, especially those that did not depend too much on multimedia.

In short, IE9 is a browser that shows immense promise, but is unlikely to go mainstream—at least not until most users migrate to Windows 7 or Vista. For those who have already migrated, it is a must-download.

And, of course, we are also keenly waiting to see what Google and Mozilla will do now. IE9 definitely heralds a new chapter in the browser wars...

Operation lockdown

Marco D'Souza

All those months of toiling on that new business plan just slipped through your fingers. After taking every precaution of locking your computer and remembering to hide your important folders, you're flummoxed by how anyone could get to that all-important document. Welcome to the real world—where even the average Joe is finding ways to reach other people's data and seasoned hackers are lurking around every corner.

Think about it—portable gadgets like thumb drives have made it so convenient to carry important data, but stop and consider what a thief might have access to if they managed to get their hands on one of these devices: Photos of your family? Maybe even a text file containing your passwords or bank account details?

And so we wonder: How secure is our digital data?

Most of us know how important it is to use strong passwords (long combinations of letters, numerals and symbols); un-share folders so that they're not visible on a shared network, use the password protection for key documents et al. But all this is just the first (and thin) line of protection. To really lock down confidential information, you'll need to resort to more robust applications. Simply put, the key to your data's security is encryption.

Encryption is a technique for encoding documents using mathematical algorithms that process data in wonderful ways to make it appear random and indecipherable to unauthorised viewers. Think of it as a way of putting important files through a shredder, and being able to magically re-assemble them to their original state whenever you want to view them.

For your desktop...

TrueCrypt: This program does a brilliant job of protecting data on your desktop, laptop, or thumb drive. It is an encryption software that creates a protected space into which you can dump pretty much any file. This space is protected by military-strength AES 256-bit encryption (yes, that translates to being very strong and practically unbreakable). Using this program you

can secure a few files or your even entire hard disk. It can also be used with portable storage like external hard disks and thumb drives. And the icing on the cake: It's free.

Steganos Locknote: If you're looking for a tiny, powerful and free program—that enables you to protect text data like passwords, bank and credit card details—this little application will work just fine.

Once again, it is protected by ultra-strong 256-bit encryption, and is a snap to use—simply double click the program, enter your password and voila; you have access to your sensitive information. Close the program and it all gets encrypted. This program is small enough to be copied to a thumb drive or even e-mailed.

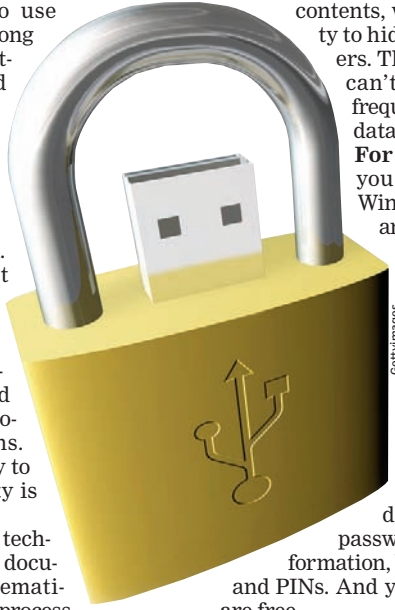
Mobile and portable applications...

For external storage: SafeHouse Explorer is a handy little free tool runs directly off your thumb drive and enables you to encrypt all of its contents, with the added ability to hide files or entire folders. This is something you can't do without if you frequently carry sensitive data on portable drives.

For mobile phones: If you have an Android, Windows, or iPhone and are keen on storing sensitive information on it, you'll definitely want to secure it. Mobile applications like Crypto Wallet for Windows Mobile, OI Safe for Android, and Lockbox for iPhone enable you to securely store data like user names, passwords, credit card information, bank account details, and PINs. And yes, all of these apps are free.

Ultra-secure USB drives: If you're in the market for a USB drive and want best-of-class security, many popular USB drive manufacturers offer products that have built-in encryption. This includes thumb drives like the Kingston DataTraveler Elite Privacy Edition, IronKey Enterprise series and the Sandisk Cruzer Enterprise edition. Even if these drives are lost or stolen, there's no way the data on them can be accessed.

Remember that security is more critical than ever these days, and isn't something to be scoffed at—after all, a few hours of effort, learning how to lock down your data are nothing compared to keeping that life-changing business plan safe and secure.



Tweet your way to productivity

From security systems that blow the whistle on intruders via tweet to plants that demand water on Twitter, the microblogging service has evolved into much more than just a waste of time

Kavita Kukday-Deb

With more than 55 million tweets a day, many accuse Twitter, the microblogging site, of being a drain on productivity. But that's a misconception you had better not encourage. In fact, scores of companies have piggy-backed on the popular communication tool to build some wonderful productivity apps.

What makes these companies tick is Twitter's open-ended framework that provides users with endless possibilities within the 140-character limit. Using this structure, people have simply begun building conduits and pipes to connect to the service to perform various day-to-day tasks.

Instant sharing, of course, is the central idea behind microblogging. And built around this capability are tools such as TwitPic.com and Twitter-share.com that lets you swap photos and other digital media with friends and family.

For those into software programming, for instance, a Twitter-based services on SnipIt.org allows the sharing of snippets of code.

Spun from the same fundamental concept of sharing, there are sites such as TweetMyJobs.com and TweetJobSearch.com. These have turned Twitter's limited format of short, text-based announcements into a front-end for employers to promote their job openings, and for jobseekers to search for those jobs. Since Twitter is as real time as it gets, there is a perception amongst jobseekers that career openings show up here before they hit the traditional online jobsties such as Monster or Naukri.

Think regular news sites give dated stories? Microblog-based applications can help. Take, for instance, Tweetnews.appspot.com, a brainchild of Yahoo BOSS engineer Vik Singh. This app simply takes Yahoo's news

results and compares them to emerging topics on Twitter. In short, it uses topics that are most popular on Twitter as an index for determining the importance of different news stories.

Other similar sites that use Twitter trends to sort top world news include TwitScoop.com and Twitter-sphere.com. The Twitter trend finder gives them an edge over the algorithm-based ranking systems, such as Google News, by offering faster updates and

better relevance, Twitscoop claims. Twestival.com is another example wherein people have piggy-backed on the microblogging framework to organise events to raise money for charity. The site claims to have already organised more than 150 offline events across the world, and raised over \$1.2 million within 14 months.

On the hardware side, businesses are making use of the ubiquity of Twitter to keep you connected with your home appliances. Botanically.com, for example, has a Twitter-enabled hardware kit that lets your home plants ask for water every time the moisture level in the soil dips.

The DIY assembly kit has a tiny moisture sensor attached to a circuit board with an Ethernet port that connects to your internet. After you have the system in place, you just

need to place the sensor into your plant's soil. This keeps tabs on the moisture level, and once it drops below a certain range, the system sends you a tweet saying your plants are thirsty.

On a similar principle, IBM's Andy Stanford-Clark claims to have hacked into his home electricity meter to tweet energy usage. If you follow his tweets (www.twitter.com/andy_house), you can see in real time when Stanford-Clark turns his lights off or whether he has an unusually high electricity usage on a particular day. Updates are sent via sensors in the home, and the system uses IBM middleware to connect to the service. Stanford-Clark says that he can turn the lights on or off remotely from the website itself.

Inspired? Well, you could take a crack at making an energy-measuring gadget yourself with step-by-step instructions at Tweet-a-Watt (www.ladyada.net/make/tweet-a-watt). This isn't a project

for non-engineers, but for those with thorough knowledge of wires and circuitry. The site gives a fair idea of what you'd need to put together a gadget that will plug into a home electrical system, connect to a Wi-Fi network and send progress tweets. Share this with a group of friends and you'll have a healthy energy-saving competition going for you.

And then there's Linux expert Shantanu Goel who has tried to create a remote security system that leverages Twitter.

He connected motion-sensing software to a webcam on his computer, which in turn connects to the internet. So if someone breaks into his house, the software detects movement and tweets a warning. He also has step-by-step instructions on his website (tech.shantanugoel.com/2008/05/14/keep-tab-on-home-security-with-a-webcam-and-twitter.html) for creating your very own home spy.

7 websites to make you seem more interesting than you are

Savio D'Souza

So you checked. You don't suffer from halitosis, no body odour problems, and you're not even bad-looking, but you just can't seem to make any breakthrough with people at social gatherings. Why? Well, it's probably because you're bad at conversations. You don't know where to begin, and when you do, you mostly don't have anything interesting to say. Mostly, you're the person nursing a drink at the periphery of a party conversation, nodding sagely—at least that's the look you've been going for so far.

But why stand at the edge when you can be bang in the middle of all the action; holding court, narrating anecdotes, and generally just appearing well-informed on anything and everything. Here are seven websites, equipped with which, you can appear intelligent to almost anyone. Well, not everyone, but at least it's a start...

www.thefreedictionary.com

This resource is one of the best places in Cyberia for any information of any sort. Besides dictionaries in English and 13 other languages, the site boasts of a thesaurus, a section for abbreviations, idioms, an encyclopaedia, as well as a literature reference library—and all supported by a nifty search engine. Daily visitors can also expect regular features such as word of the day, quote of the day, article of the day, this day in history, and so on. But my personal favourite has got to be the word game section, which includes Hangman and Spelling Bee. But I digress. Equipped with this resource, you can wax eloquent on practically anything under the sun.

www.acronymfinder.com

Every now and then, someone might try to appear smarter by spewing out an acronym or abbreviation at you with a condescending smirk. But if you have bookmarked Acronym Finder in your browser, that's one less tactic they can use to make you feel stupid. Now, while it won't keep you informed about everything there is to know, at least it will help you mitigate your losses. This site has more than 7,50,000 'human-edited'



definitions, abbreviations and acronyms about computers, technology, telecommunications, and the military. So bookmark it ASAP before people start ROTFL at your ignorance.

www.etymonline.com

This site is all about polishing you into a fairly decent wordsmith. You know you can't have a conversation without being equipped with the right linguistic skills. Also, it always helps to know the root of words so you don't trip while trying to appear smart. Enter Etymonline. This resource will help you understand the origin, development, and the 'true sense' of a word. In simpler language, if you need to know the basis of any word in English, then this is the place to go to. Heck, it even covers "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious". You might want to look that one up while you're at it.

www.biography.com

Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people. But how will you ever discuss people, if you know nothing about them? I suggest you make haste to this resource. Whether it's Pope John Paul II or Martin Luther King, Adolf Hitler or Winston Churchill, Genghis Khan or Alexander the Great, Princess Diana or Marilyn Monroe, you'll find all their biographies here; complete with photographs, videos snippets, etcetera. And on those nights when you don't have any social invites, visit Biography.com anyway. It definitely makes for interesting

reading. True story.

wolframalpha.com
How do I put this mildly without sounding like a fanboy? Wolframalpha is a search engine with a difference. Enter your birth date as a search parameter, and the engine will throw up details like the number of stars, months and days you have spent on this planet; famous personalities that were born on the same day; the phase of the moon on the day you were born, etc. Enter in a colour, say 'pink', and it will throw up its RGB value, its hexadecimal code, complementary colours and the like.

But don't take my word for it, go on, type in Mumbai and Tokyo in the box, and see what you get. Useless facts and statistics can be a great conversation opener.

www.pantheon.org and www.theoi.com

Everyone likes a story, and mythology has always a good subject to mine for conversations. So for your fill of gods and demons, check out Pantheon.org and Theoi.com; both excellent places to start. While the latter only covers Grecian divinity (and does it exceedingly well), Pantheon includes mythological characters from across the globe: From our own Ganesha to the Greek Zeus, the Roman Jupiter to the Nordic Freya, from the Egyptian Anubis to the Aztec Quetzalcoatl. The gods, it seems, have made these two URLs their personal domain. So if the exploits of the gods has always been your Achilles' heel, then this site is your river Styx. Take a dip.

www.brainyquote.com

So you've tried a few Siddhuisms, and you've managed to get a few guffaws out of your soft-headed friends. But now it's time to up the ante. If you're looking to impress people with higher IQs than your cronies, you must take recourse to BrainyQuote. The site is a repository of quotations from humorists, playwrights, presidents, authors, humanitarians and practically everybody who is anybody. Like someone famous said—and I don't remember who—but you'll probably find the quote on the site itself: "Next to being witty, the best thing is being able to quote another's wit". I agree.

WHO WILL PROTECT THE WHISTLEBLOWER?

The much-awaited Whistleblower Bill cannot protect those it should or punish those it must

Manoj Mitta | TNN

About a month after activist Amit Jethava was murdered, the Central government came up with a legislative proposal to prevent such tragic killings. The dead man was an environmentalist and died because he campaigned to save Gujarat's Gir lion reserve from the ravages of illegal mining. The Bill introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 26 expanded the definition of whistleblower. It said anyone who makes a "public interest disclosure" is a whistleblower.

It was a great leap forward from where we stood till then. Under the 2004 Cabinet resolution, only a public servant could be a whistleblower. But the expanded definition is the only real positive change in the official attitude towards whistleblowing. In other respects, "the public interest disclosure and protection to persons making the disclosure Bill, 2010", to call it by its real name, is anodyne. The Bill's biggest weakness is that it retains the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) as the designated agency or "competent authority" to deal with complaints filed by whistleblowers. The CVC is also meant to protect whistleblowers. Both provisions are carry-overs from the 2004 Cabinet resolution on whistleblowing.

Both carry over the problems of the past into an era meant that is meant to be more free and fair. The CVC, the apex body for all vigilance cases at the Centre, is embroiled in controversy. Moreover, it is a toothless body and can only ever give advice rather than registering a criminal case or issuing any direction to CBI. The CVC's recommendations are routinely rejected by many government departments. The CBI too pays it little heed. In its current form then, the Whistleblower Bill, will make no difference to the culture of impunity in corruption cases. The CVC can only make recommendations when instances of corruption are brought to light by whistleblowers. What use will that be to anyone, particularly a society that wants to clean up?

But there is an even bigger problem with making the CVC the Bill's designating agency. Of late, there is a question mark over its independence. Telecom secretary P J Thomas's



SCAM BUSTERS

Famous names from India and further afield

Satyendra Dubey | The IIT-Kanpur civil engineer accused his employer, NHA, of widespread corruption in a letter to then Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee. He was killed on November 27, 2003

S Manjunath | The Indian Oil Corporation manager was shot dead on November 19, 2005 for exposing a racket in adulterated petrol

Satish Shetty | RTI activist who exposed land scams in Maharashtra was killed on January 13, 2010

Kallol Sur | The Block Development Officer in West Bengal's West Midnapore district suffered death by hanging in 2008 after he filed FIRs against CPM and Trinamool leaders for siphoning off funds from NREGS

Joseph Darby | US military police official who alerted the American military command to prisoner abuse in Abu Ghraib prison six years ago

Cynthia Cooper | A former vice president of internal audit at WorldCom, she unearthed a fraud of \$3.8 billion at her company in 2002

Colleen Rowley | FBI staff attorney who accused her employer of dismissing her concerns about Zacharias Moussaoui, often referred to as 9/11's 20th hijacker

W Mark Felt (Deep Throat) | A former FBI man, he leaked information about American president Richard Nixon's involvement in Watergate in 1972



COURAGE UNDER FIRE:
Rayana R Khazi

Against the veil

Rayana R Khazi is unfazed by death threats for refusing to wear the burqa

Ananthakrishnan G | TNN

You can decide whether you want to live or die. We, the soldiers of Islam, gave you time till now. No more forgiveness for you. It will be done before this 26th...a *kafir* like you doesn't deserve to be pardoned." These are the words in an anonymous letter (written in Malayalam) that Rayana R Khazi received on September 16. It is the latest in a series of death threats that she has been receiving ever since she refused to wear a burqa.

Rayana's problems began after she returned to her parent's home in Bevinja in Kasargode district, Kerala, nine months ago. She was studying aeronautical engineering in Tamil Nadu. She resisted suggestions by relatives and friends to wear the burqa. Her defiance led to threats from fundamentalists. "I was even accused of having converted and married into another religion. But I wasn't worried as I'm a true Muslim," says the feisty young woman.

The 22-year-old fails to see anything wrong in wearing churidar-salwar without a burqa. "This is my favourite dress. I ask myself every day, 'what's obscene with it?' and the answer is, 'nothing'," she says.

As the harassment continued, she approached the state women's commission for help but it was in vain. Things actually got worse. Her family moved out to live in the town

but that didn't change anything; the threats only increased.

On July 16, Rayana received a letter written by one Mohammed Kargoli, charging her with arrogance and reminding her of the "religious duty to wear a veil". She complained to the police, but nothing was done. Kargoli continues to walk freely in the streets. She then approached the high court which ordered that she should be provided protection. Following that, two policemen were deputed for her security.

"It's no longer a personal issue; it's now about the rights of women," says Rayana. "The Quran doesn't say that women should wear the burqa. I have had anonymous callers telling me that it will prevent men from looking at a woman's body and keep their morals intact. What kind of an excuse is this?" Rayana, who is studying for the civil services exam, delves into history to argue her point. "Kerala has had Muslims from the 8th century onwards but there was no burqa then. The custom was introduced in the state only 30 years back. So, if we agree on the point that those who don't wear the burqa are not real Muslims, then we will have to conclude that Muslims in the past were not really religious."

The support of her parents and siblings gives Rayana the strength to carry on her fight. "It's better to live fearlessly for an hour than to serve such people for a 100 years," she says.

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Sealed tenders should reach the office of Dy. Superintendent of Police (PMT), Mohanpura, S/Andaman, Port Blair-744101 any time on or before 1500 hrs of 8th November, 2010. The same shall be opened on the same day at 1530 hrs in the presence of tenderers or their representatives, if any.

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WATER COOLER MOMENT

All you need to know about this week's weirdest, whackiest, most wonderful story, to timepass around the office watercooler when you should really be working

Bratman forever

Hey, quit shoving! Why can't you wait your turn at the watercooler? It's the Dabangg Effect. Saw it first day, first show. No wonder the film got the biggest opening ever! What does 'dabangg' mean anyway? The online dictionary variously translates it as bold, overbearing, dictatorial, and authoritarian. In short, Salman Khan at his brattish best! What about 'dumb'? As in a five-foot ninny pushing a six-foot toughie at the watercooler.... Hey, why are you throwing water at me? **Abhi to tumko nehlaya hai. Ab tumko dhouunga!** Err, that's not exactly how Salman says the line, but it's close isn't it. Sure. I can almost hear the *chawanni* crowd whistling and clapping madly! The funny thing is there was no *chawanni* crowd, no whistles and no catcalls. How can there be when a multiplex ticket costs 250 bucks? You're stuck with a staid audience that salivates silently over Malai-ka's bobbing boobs and jiggling derriere! **One of them was me, pal!** But what's that fuzz on your upper lip? **Don't you know? The moustache is back with a bang!** Or should I say with a 'dabangg'...

(Overheard by Vandana Agarwal)

OPEN SPACE

What is a NEET?

NEET is a British term used for a young person who is not engaged by way of any work, academics, or training programme. It's an acronym derived from the phrase 'Not in Employment, Education or Training', a government classification often used to refer to the stage that teenagers or young adults go through when they have nothing to do. However, the age group of people under this category varies from county to country

— *Ashwini Nanda, Chennai*
Why is an Englishman called John Bull?

John Bull originated as a creation of Dr John Arbuthnot, Queen Anne's physician, who in 1712, wrote a collection of pamphlets entitled 'The History of John Bull' but wanted to remain anonymous. The term became a national personification of England, and in particular, Great Britain, especially in political cartoons. It sometimes refers to the whole of the United Kingdom, but has not been accepted in Scotland and Wales.

— *FSK Barar, Jodhpur*
What is the origin of the term 'French Kiss'?

One theory is associated with France being known as the city of love, with the Eiffel Tower and Paris considered the ultimate symbols of romance. Another theory is that French Kiss was a derogatory term used during war: it was said that the French would rather make love with their faces than fight. The term dates back to at least the 1820s and became popular again during the 1920s when the French were believed to be preoccupied then



Reuters

A woman makes linen thread during an ethnographic festival in the village of Liaskovich, Minsk. What language is spoken in Minsk?

with passion and love.

— *Sandeep Gupta, via email*

Why is the international dateline drawn in a zigzag manner?

The International Date Line (IDL) passes through the Pacific Ocean. It is an imaginary line, like longitudes and latitudes. The time difference on either side of this line is 24 hours. So,

the date changes as soon as one crosses this line. To avoid any confusion of date, this line is drawn through where the sea lies and not land. Hence, the IDL is drawn in a zig-zag manner.

— *Binu Bhatnagar, Delhi*

Why are celestial bodies spherical in shape?

Celestial bodies are spherical in shape

because of gravity. Whenever enough mass gathers close together, the resultant gravity, which follows the inverse square law, pulls equally in all directions and results in a spherical shape. Irrespective of the material composition of the celestial body, a diameter of a few hundred kilometres is sufficient to create a spherical form.

— *Shemida Ann Prasad, Bareilly*

What are Humboldt penguins?

They are South American penguins that breed in coastal Peru and Chile. Humboldt penguins are named after the cold water current they swims in, which takes its name after the explorer Alexander von Humboldt. These birds are medium-sized with blackish-grey upper parts and whitish under parts and a black breast-band that extends down the flanks to the thigh. They have a fleshy-pink base to the bill. Juveniles have dark heads and no breast-band. They have spines on their tongues, which are used to hold prey.

— *Vrushali Khadilkar, via email*

ANY ANSWERS?

How did 'Hello' come to be used as a greeting over the phone?

— *Prakash Thapa, Chandrabani*

What is La-La-Land?

— *Gitanjali Sen, Mumbai*

Why is Winston Churchill's speech known as the 'Iron Curtain speech'?

— *Srinivas Khode, Belgaum*

What is the Hubbert Peak Theory?

— *Sunil Divakar, Goa*

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SUNDAY MAILBOX

Show concern towards violence in Kashmir

The article 'Limits of violence' (Sept 18) rightfully stresses the need to show our concern over the ongoing violence and agitation in Kashmir; and hopefully with talks, matters could be sorted out. In mob violence, where stones are hurled at you and arson caused by miscreants, there is no telling as to what extent our security forces who are also subject to injuries, should exercise restraint. The need of the hour is for citizens of India to voice their concern on public platforms and conduct rallies that would help strengthen the hands of our



government. Let us remember our enemies are forever planning to dismember our country and it is essential that we join in the chorus to bring peace and stability. While our brave armed forces will face the brunt, it is for us to give them whatever moral support and not remain just mute spectators.

— *Xavier Louis, Mumbai*

Heed to forces' views

This is with reference to 'As netas dither, Forces find new

assertiveness' (Sept 18). The observations made by service chiefs should be taken seriously as they not only reflect the convictions of subordinate commanders at the executional level, but are also directly related to national integration and security. Our adversaries across the borders are not only trying to encircle us, but are also actively aiding and abetting lawlessness in the country to weaken us internally. The Army, as the last bastion in preserving our democratic ideals, has, therefore, to be sufficiently empowered to deal with insurgents and saboteurs. Our politicians need to set their thinking right and should be grateful to the service chiefs for their timely advice. Posterity will not pardon the leadership for any faulty decisions under political compulsions.

— *Onkar Nath Saxena, via email*

Encourage the games

The country should support the Commonwealth games so that the event takes place in its proper spirit. Keeping in mind that Delhi will become an international destination, its people should keep aside all demotivating factors and work towards making the games a huge success. Agreed, that problems related to traffic, ill-maintained roads, street hawkers and corruption within the system are routine. But, India is in the process of bettering itself. Nothing can happen overnight. India is trying to deliver its best for the games. Nothing glorious can be achieved by presenting the potholes on Indian roads or showing the poverty of the country. Rather, we must prove to the world what we are and what we can achieve.

— *Debashis Sarkar, via email*

GANESHA SAYS

BEJAN DARUWALLA



Aries: This is a fine week, especially in terms of finances and health. You are rejuvenated, lively, and able to enjoy life fully. There will be a fair amount of travel, pleasurable and exciting interactions, romance, passion, sex, even love. You will be on a high.



Taurus: You will have to decide on how best to handle finances, and interactions with family. There will be a lot of reorganizing of funds and resources and hush-hush deals as you don't want to disclose your activities, especially to your loved ones.



Gemini: The theme of bonds widens in its scope this week. You will interact with the extended family: parents, in-laws, even distant relatives will hold your attention. Disputes and heated discussions are best avoided. Patience and tact will be necessary. Correspondence and documents need to be handled carefully.



Cancer: You're sociable and good tempered this week. At the same time, career or business advancement are given serious consideration. New and old friends, and finances, are demanding in terms of time and commitment. The determination to get the best out of both powers you on.



Leo: You seek quick results. This is a result of your changed attitude and approach. Ganesha gives you an exciting week, which makes you feel exhilarated. But you will also be considering long-term changes and commitments at work.



Virgo: You will be full of energy and will find the time (you always had the talent) for creative pursuits. You may even join a study group or organization in a sincere effort to widen your horizons. This applies even to your job or business. You are now in the right frame of mind to take on anything that your heart feels like.



Libra: With so much going your way, Ganesha is bound to send you due recognition. These will come in the shape of promotion, fringe benefits, and popularity. There will be a tremendous desire to grow, which will lead to truly inspired thinking.



Scorpio: You've reached a pinnacle in terms of success and achievement. You ask yourself where you should go from here. Thus, you will evaluate your motives, your psyche, and find yourself pleased with yourself. You can imagine the effect it will have on your family and love life.



Sagittarius: Your mental growth has been stupendous. You will be at peace with yourself and with those around you. You know you have worked for it and truly deserve all that is being sent to you by Ganesha. However, there are inherent dangers if you carry this too far.



Capricorn: You've had your spell of relaxation and are now eager to take on life. This week finds you deeply involved in work and finances. Your social concerns will be very important too. Your attitude and commitment will get recognition and plaudits.



Aquarius: Alongside the many material gains over the past few weeks, there has been one very most gain: focus. You will be able to fully concentrate on what is required to be done to make life as you want it to be. Good things will continue coming your way.



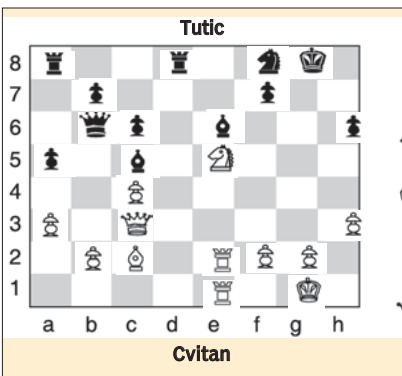
Pisces: You try to evolve a more positive work and relationship ethic. You realize that baggage could seriously harm both your relationships and career. Your self-belief will help you to deal with problems. This week you will slay the demons and make large strides materially and internally.

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Today we shall see an imaginative and deep combination against exposed king and weakened castled position. In the diagram, white certainly has adequate compensation for the sacrificed piece but apparently there is nothing better than a draw by repetition of moves. White, however, found an ingenious way to get at the enemy king and won the game with forceful play.



Position: —
White:— Kg1; Qc3; R-e1, e2; Bc2; Ne5; P: a3, b2, c4, f2, g2, h3
Black:— Kg8; Qb6; R- a8, d8; B- c5, e6; Nf8; P- a5, b7, c6, f7, h6
Problem: — White to play and win
Solution: —
1.Qg3+ Kh8
2.Qf4 Kg7
3.Nxf7!! Bxf7
4.Re7!! Bxe7 [or Kg8 9.Ree7! Rg6 10.Bxg6 Nxg6 11.Qxh6 with a rapid mate.]
5.Rxe7 Qxb2 Only may of defending the 'g7' square. 6.Qxf7+ Kh8 7.Qf4! Qg7 [7...Kg8 loses beautifully to 8.Bh7+! Kh8 9.Qxh6 with a quick win.] 8.Rxg7 Kxg7 9.Qe5+ Kf7 10.c5! White soon won. 1-0

BRIDGE

PRAKASH PARANJPE

In the Closed Room, Sandeep Thakral and Kaustubh Bendre were playing DEMICOMA, a young bidding system that offers a choice of opening bids for balanced hands. In DEMICOMA, a 1NT opening promises a 4-card Major. Consequently, a 1NT opener only occasionally holds a 4-card Major. In further bidding, responder can conceal his 4-card Major if he so wishes. On the diagrammed deal, South opened 1NT, North transferred to Spades and South jumped to 3♠ to show a top hand and played there.

West naturally chose to lead the ♥A and shifted to the ♣J. In the Open Room, the bidding contained enough information to guide West to the best lead. In the Closed Room, the opening lead told the Declarer all he needed to know to score 10 tricks.

Thakral won with the ♣A and played another Heart. West won the ♥K and played the ♠8. Thakral won, ruffed a Diamond, discarded a Club on the

the ♥Q, and played the ♥T. East ruffed with the ♠4. Thakral overruffed and ruffed another Diamond. He next ruffed a Club with the ♠A(!), ruffed another Diamond, and ruffed the last Club with the ♠J. West just got the ♠K in the end. Thakral made 10 tricks whereas the South in the Closed room made only seven. Wildly distributed hands often lead to such difference. This was a rare case where information, rather than distribution, led to a 3-trick swing in a part score contract.

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It will be interesting to see where Pollard bats



ROYAL CHALLENGERS' loss to the Redbacks has opened up possibilities to more than one team to finish second in the group. The South Australian team has ensured their place in the last four by winning three games in a row. They are playing good cricket and as days go by they are evolving as a unit. It is a big Sunday for Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers and The Lions. It is a must win game for the Mumbai Indians against the Royal Challengers if they are to stay afloat till the last in this tournament. In that case they will finish with four points and a slim chance of qualifying.

move by Klinger and after that moment, Royal Challengers Bangalore never could get a hold back on the game. They will be looking forward to the return of Kallis for the next game against Mumbai Indians. The Royal Challengers' bowling lacked teeth and failed to make inroads in to the Redbacks batting. What a series Klinger is having! He once again shone with the bat and the opening duo of the Redbacks ensured that there were no hiccups in the run-chase. If the Royal Challengers lose to Mumbai Indians they will still be in with a chance, if only they get the better of Lions in the last match. They still have a better net run-rate than the Mumbai Indians and the Lions, but I don't think they would like to leave it till the end. So the match between Mumbai Indi-

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Kieron Pollard's form in the match against Guyana should be one of great relief for the Mumbai Indians and a reason of concern for Royal Challengers Bangalore. The big man went in at number three and made good use of the opportunity. It will be interesting to find out at what number Mumbai will use Pollard against the Royal Challengers. The Royal Challengers' batting failed to take off against the pace of Tait and control of Putland. Kallis' absence was very much felt but the key was Ross Taylor falling to Tait, when it seemed that the Kiwi was slowly taking control of the situation. That was indeed a good

ans and Royal Challengers will see both sides getting on to the ground with a mindset, as if there is no tomorrow. In the other match of the day Lions will be taking on the lowly-placed Guyana. The Lions will not only look for a win against Guyana but will also try to improve their net run-rate, as they are way behind Royal Challengers and Mumbai Indians on that front. It is an interesting position in this group and one may find Royal Challengers, Mumbai Indians and Lions all finishing at four points apiece. So the Sunday games will find people keeping an eye not only on the ground but calculators too. PMG

EVEN A WIN STANDS SULLIED



SUPER SHOW: Pakistan's Umar Gul celebrates after dismissing England's Graeme Swann during the third ODI at Oval in London on Friday. Gul took 6-38

ICC Probe To Centre Around Pak Team's Ringleader

TNN & AGENCIES

London/Karachi: UK tabloid The Sun has given the ICC some unsettling details about spot-fixing, including a publicly-withheld information on a particular individual in the Pakistan team who is believed to be the ringleader, taking money from bookies in India and Dubai and ensuring their orders are carried out. The ICC probe will centre on this individual and his links with the betting mafia.

>>>IN A FIX AGAIN PAK VS ENGLAND

It had appeared that Shahid Afridi's men might have turned the corner by pulling off an impressive win, courtesy a superb bowling performance from Umar Gul, but the probe had already been initiated midway into the game after The Sun informed the ICC of the developments. The ICC later said the scoring patterns predicted had actually materialised on the field of play, necessitating the inquiry. The manner in which Shahid Afridi was run out, in particular, raised eyebrows, but the match itself is not believed to be fixed. But Afridi told a website, "All this is rubbish." The developments, though, threaten to plunge Pakistan and world cricket into fresh chaos. There is speculation that it could finally spur a revamp of the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) administrative structure too. The new revelations come on the heels of Scotland Yard passing on to prosecutors a file of evidence showing the conspiracy to defraud bookmakers and the involvement of Pakistani players. "The Sun is withholding details of the alleged fix while the investi-

GUL SHINES FOR PAK

London: Umar Gul produced a devastating spell of swing bowling taking six for 42 as Pakistan won the third ODI against England at The Oval by 23 runs on Friday. Set 242 to win, England were in control as Eoin Morgan (61) and Luke Wright (48 n.o.) put on 98 for the sixth wicket. But when Morgan chipped Gul to midwicket, panic set in. Gul then ripped out Tim Bresnan and Stuart Broad and Graeme Swann, normally a calm head in tight situations, then holed out to the last ball of Gul's tenth over giving him his last four wickets for six runs in 18 balls. The win keeps the five-match series alive with Pakistan now trailing 2-1. **Brief Scores:** Pakistan 241 in 49.4 overs (A Shafiq 40, F Alam 64; T Bresnan 3-51, J Anderson 3-26) beat England (A Strauss 57, E Morgan 61, L Wright not out 48; U Gul 6-42) by 23 runs.

gation continues, but we can reveal that horrified ICC chiefs launched their investigation before the Pakistan innings had even finished. The probe centres on an individual within the team camp," the paper said. Pakistan won the match by 23 runs to keep its hopes alive in the five-match series after losing the first two games. According to the newspaper, the scoring patterns of the game matched with the "target that bookies had been told in advance by a fixer". "Illegal bookies in India and Dubai apparently knew in advance what would happen, so they could launch a betting coup. But The Sun's undercover team was able to pass on details to ICC inspectors before the match began," the report said, adding, "We alerted the ICC corruption busters led by former police chief Sir Ronnie Flanagan. After a frantic round of calls, the ICC decided to issue a general warning to Pakistan's players, but by then

the game had started." The ICC is also investigating whether the same cartel rigged a Test between Pakistan and Australia in July after allegedly paying players 700,000 pounds. ICC CEO Haroon Lorgat has thanked the tabloid for providing the information and said, "We feel it is incumbent upon us to launch a full inquiry into this particular game, although it is worth pointing out at this stage that we are not stating as fact that anything untoward has occurred. Only in the fullness of the investigation can that be established." Though Pakistan sports minister Ajiaz Jakhraani said "tough decisions" would be taken if the charges were proved, the allegations did not unsettle the Pakistan Cricket Board which continued to be in denial mode. "These are meaningless allegations without any proof," PCB chairman Ijaz Butt said. "The ICC has not got in touch with us on any such accusation. That is total imagination. There is no truth in it." Jakhraani, meanwhile, told a TV channel, "The ICC has the power and an anti-corruption unit and it should go ahead and use that. If it gets any proof, we will definitely look into it. If we had made some harsh decisions in the past it would not have happened. Young players would not dare to do something wrong. This is the time when we have to take some tough decisions. This time we will not spare anybody." A rattled England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said the remaining two contests in the five-match series would take place as scheduled. "The matter is in the hands of the ICC as it stands," an ECB spokesperson said. After an ECB board meeting, chairman Giles Clarke wrote to ICC president Sharad Pawar seeking clarification and assurance, and it was decided that the series would continue since the ICC did not have immediate evidence which could lead to suspension of players prior to the end of the series.

Pollard's hitting has been awesome

Sunil Gavaskar

IF BOWLERS thought that the limited overs format was tough on them they must think that the T20 format is like torture and slow torture at that. What makes it even worse for them is unlike in Test matches where the boundaries are the full distance, for the T20 format they are brought in a bit and thus what would be catches at Test matches are sixes in the ultra short format of the game. Sometimes even a mishit makes the ball go for a six and with the heavy thick modern bats that happens quite regularly. Then the physical conditioning regime is such that players have become stronger and more powerful and thus can hit the ball a fair distance

too. The T20 format also gives batsmen the license to launch into the big shots sooner than they would in Test matches and so many a top bowler finds his economy rate is spoilt by

batsmen the confidence of playing through the line and hitting the ball and taking their chances hoping that the ball won't deviate or spin too much. Kieron Pollard has been

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the format. No wonder bowlers feel that cricket is a batsman's game and the laws of the game tilted in favour of the batsmen. The batsmen certainly are dominating the Champions League in South Africa and despite the pitches being more bouncy than in last year's Champions League in India, the bowlers haven't quite had it their way. What the true pitches have done is give the

awesome in his big hitting and is by far the top six-hitter so far in the tournament. His pulled six of a Shaun Tait bouncer bowled at over 90 miles per hour was an incredible shot and it went over 120 meters which means that it would have been a six on any ground in the world. He had got badly hit in the T20 finals in England where the ball sneaked through the gap be-

tween the helmet and the face grille and his right eye was closed. He has recovered nicely after that and that six should end all the loose talk that he cannot handle short bowling. His bowling hasn't quite clicked for the Mumbai Indians and that has added to the problems that they are having. Sachin Tendulkar has batted splendidly too but it is quite evident that unless he gets going the Mumbai Indians aren't going to put up a big total even with Pollard's big hitting towards the end. The batsmen unsurprisingly have dominated so far and among the top contenders for this award this week are Raina and Finch along with the above mentioned names. It is the South Australian skipper Michael Klinger with his match winning half-centuries who is the CEAT International Cricketer of the Week. PMG

Redbacks are a great bunch!



>>>FROM THE DUGOUT SIDDHARTHA MALLYA

South Australia were coming in off the back of two well fought out victories. After watching them chase down Mumbai's 180 plus score, we knew they had depth in their batting and that no matter what we posted, it was going to be a close game. The weather was cold and there was a strong gust of wind, meaning that batting wasn't going to be easy and a score of 160 should have been above par. We didn't get off to the best start. Fortunately for us, Ross, the Boss came in and smashed a blistering 46 from 28 to get us back on track. Dillon also played a su-

perb innings to get us to a respectable score of 154 which we knew was defendable in those conditions. The Redbacks for the third time in this tournament got off to the best possible start. You kind of sensed defeat, because in this format of the game, as long as you have wickets in hand, any score is chaseable. I have to give immense credit to the Redbacks, as they played with a lot of spirit and as a very close-knit, professional unit. They have an inspirational leader in Michael Klinger, who really leads from the front and by example. He really is proving to be the, find of this tournament. I guess the 3 months of training they had going into this tournament is really paying off. After the game, I had the chance to meet some of the Redbacks players in the bar. They are a great bunch of down to earth guys, and I wish them luck in all future endeavours. As for us, we must learn from this defeat and make sure we move forward and treat this as nothing more than a minor setback. After all, Spain lost their opening game of the FIFA World cup to Switzerland and went on to win the trophy, so sometimes defeats like this make you stronger.

The current lot amazes me

Jyoti Randhawa

PLAYING at the DLF Golf and Country Club is always a pleasure. Not only is it my home course, but I can also zip home after a round to get some lunch or grab rest before coming back to practice. It is like playing in my own backyard. Also this tournament happens to be one of my favourite on the Airtel PGTI Tour. It has a great prize purse and great memories for me. I have won this event twice and was in the top-five last year. The last few weeks in Europe have been a mixed bag for me. It was great to have a top-10 at Gleneagles at the Johnnie Walker Championships, though after three good rounds I had much

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Ashok shoots another 65, takes 8-stroke lead

Moushumi Bora | TNN

Gurgaon: If you had caught a furious Ashok Kumar on the 17th hole, and believed that the man had lost his midas touch, you would have been forgiven.

>>>EDGE OF THE GREENS DLF MASTERS GOLF

But a quick glance at the leaderboard would have translated his glorious trail of birdies. And the best was yet to come. After hitting his ball in disgust, he

patiently discussed Gaganjeet Bhullar's clubs as they waited for the preceding group to move further ahead before soaring to an eagle with a 20-ft putt from the edge of the greens. The roars of approval filled the air as he walked off the 18th greens with a second successive 7-under round in the DLF Masters to take his grand total to 16-under. Going into the final day with an 8-stroke lead, only a fool would bet against him, and overnight joint leader Bhullar, who shot a one-over, certainly wasn't. The Kapurthala youngster,

who struggled with a cold putter after starting with two birdies, just put a finger to his lips when he was asked to look ahead. "I'm going to keep silent," he muttered with a desperate smile. **THIRD ROUND SCORES** 200 (16-under) Ashok Kumar 70-65-65; 208-Gaganjeet Bhullar 68-67-73; 209-Anirban Lahiri 70-69-70; 210-C Muniyappa 74-69-67, Ajeetesh Sandhu 73-67-70; 211-Anura Rohana (Sri Lanka) 73-70-68, Amardip Singh Malik 73-68-70, Gaurav Pratap Singh 70-69-72, Jyoti Randhawa 67-71-73, Himmat Singh Rai 68-69-74.

Controlled Naren takes day's honours

Satya Siddharth Rath | TNN

Jodhpur: The speed was thrilling. But it was also killing for the hopes of many a driver, including that of defending INRC champion Gaurav Gill.

>>>DESERT STORM INRC RALLY

The Team MRF driver, who won the opening round of the Speed Indian National Rally Championship in Nashik, broke his drive shaft in Special Stage 5 after topping the time sheets in the

first four stages of Saturday, the first day of the Rally of Rajasthan, the third round of the 2010 INRC. Gill, who also faced a similar problem in the second round at Coimbatore last month, was naturally devastated. "Fate is playing a cruel game with me. The going was great for the first four stages and suddenly the shaft gave up. This is the second time it has happened this season. I badly need a machine that can match my speed," Gill said, trying hard to hide his disappointment. With Gill dropping out,



Red Rooster Racing's Naren Kumar topped for the day

RESULTS

Overall (Provisional): 1. Naren Kumar/Ram Kumar (Red Rooster Racing) 33:51.7; 2. Amitrajit Ghosh/Ashwin Naik (Red Rooster Racing) 34:43.5; 3. Lohit Urs/Srikanth Gowda (Team MRF) 35:19.7

six-time INRC champion Naren Kumar of Red Rooster Racing drove a controlled race to take the day's honours, and unless misfortune strikes, the Jodhpur round is his for taking, as just one Super Special Stage remains to be run on Sunday, thanks to incessant rains here that forced organizers Sportcraft to cancel Friday's first leg. The event, which is being run in Rajasthan for the first time, is being organized by Sportcraft under the aegis of FMSCI and is promoted by IMG Sports and Pro-Sports Promotion.

Fergie brands United v Liverpool 'special one'

Manchester: Alex Ferguson claims that Liverpool is still Manchester United's most anticipated match despite the Anfield club's recent slump. Ferguson is preparing his side to meet Roy Hodgson's team on Sunday, with the two clubs level on 18 league titles each. The Scot admitted that when he arrived at Old Trafford in 1986 that his aim was to knock Liverpool "off their perch". While United were pipped by Chelsea to the title last season, Liverpool finished a disappointing seventh.

But even though Ferguson claims Chelsea are United's main rivals but insists that games against Liverpool remain the biggest days in his year.

>>>ROUND UP FOOTBALL

Spurs fightback stuns Wolves Tottenham shrugged off a European hangover to overcome Wolves and move into the top four of the Premier League on Saturday as Newcas-

tle stunned Everton with a 1-0 victory at Goodison Park. **RESULTS:** Stoke City 1 (Jones 48) West Ham 1 (Parker 32); Aston Villa 1 (Ashley Young 13) Bolton 1 (Davies 35); Blackburn 1 (Samba 30) Fulham 1 (Dempsey 56); Everton 0 Newcastle 1 (Ben Arfa 45); Tottenham 3 (Van der Vaart 77-pen, Pavlyuchenko 87, Hutton 90) Wolves 1 (Fletcher 45)

After absence, Maradona appears Football legend Diego Maradona met with ex-Argentine president Nestor Kirchner on Friday, his first

public appearance after bitter words exchanged over his dismissal as the country's national team coach.

Henry sorry for injuring goalkeeper Thierry Henry has apologized for an incident during a play stoppage in an MLS game that injured the goalkeeper for FC Dallas. New York Red Bulls player Henry apologized for injuring Kevin Hartman's knee by taking an extra kick at the ball in the Dallas' goal area. AGENCIES

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BACK IN THE HUNT

Fit-Again Sania Should Be Among The Medals In Delhi

Prajwal Hegde | TNN

Sania Mirza may have turned the corner as far as match fitness goes, at least that is what the results of her last two tournaments — in New York and Guangzhou, China — reflect. That augurs well for the Indian's chances of a singles medal in next month's Commonwealth Games.

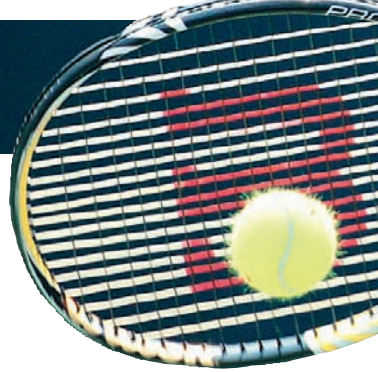
Indian tennis' favourite pin-up has had a roller

August. Her ranking plummeted, briefly falling out of the top 150, forcing her to come through the qualifying draw of bigger competitions.

After two fighting losses in the first round of qualifying action in Cincinnati and Montreal, the Hyderabad arrived in New York with coach Rob Steckley secure in the knowledge that while results may have evaded her, she was striking the ball as well as she has ever been. At the US Open, Sania, playing the qualifiers of a Grand Slam for the

the highest level of international competition from a serious injury was never going to be easy, but having won six of my last eight singles matches, I have gained momentum. International tennis is all about pressure and it is something that one learns to deal with."

While competition will be fierce in the October 4 to 10 event, the tennis draw will a watered down field with the likes of Samantha Stosur and Jelena Dokic choosing to stay away and some countries like South Africa and



coaster 2010 thus far.

It was the year in which she tied the knot, marrying Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik in April in Hyderabad amid much noise and fanfare. Tennis-wise, the 23-year-old struggled with her wrist early on which forced her to break from the Tour in February. She returned during the grass court season, but could do little until the US Open in

first time in her career, came through a tough draw to make the second round of the main draw where she lost to the 20th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia. Last week in Guangzhou, cheered on by her husband, she made quarterfinals of the singles event, dispatching higher ranked players, including the 60th ranked Agul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan.

Sania has another two weeks of competition left before she arrives in New Delhi, where the tennis action gets rolling from October 4. The India No.1, ranked 144 in the world, however shrugged off the pressure of playing before home crowds. "Coming back to

Canada unlikely to field tennis teams. Scot Elena Baltacha (49), Aussie Anastasia Rodionova (66), England's Katie O'Brien (131) along with Sania will be some of the names to follow in the women's competition. Sania said, "Tennis is a truly global sport and there is great depth in the game. Even though some of the world's top players are skipping the Commonwealth Games, I expect a very competitive tournament."

The Indian will also play the doubles and mixed-doubles events. It will to be a heavy workload for the big-hitting pro, who will be looking for three medals. The heartening factor, however, is the fact that Sania will be coming into the event shored up by recent outings which have shown her in fair nick.



Pic: AP

IN 2010: Had a painful start to the season, courtesy her injured right wrist. Sania broke from competition in February to rest her wrist. She returned to the Tour in June and took her time finding her competitive feet. It wasn't until the US Open, where she came through the qualifiers to make the second round, that she was swinging freely again.

TITLES WON ON THE TOUR (Singles): 2005 Hyderabad Open **FINALIST:** 2009 - Pattaya City; 2007 - Stanford; 2005 - Forest Hills. **TITLES ON THE TOUR (Doubles):** 2009 - Ponte Vedra Beach (w/Chuang); 2007 - Fes (w/King), Cincinnati (w/Mattek), Stanford (w/Peer), New Haven (w/Santangelo); 2006 - Bangalore, Kolkata (both w/Huber); 2004 - Hyderabad (w/Huber); **Mixed Doubles:** 2009 Australian Open mixed doubles title (w/Bhupathi) when Sania became the first Indian woman to win a Grand Slam title. Sania-Bhupathi also reached final of 2008 Aus Open. *Sania won the Tour Newcomer of the Year award in 2006 (for her 2005 achievements).

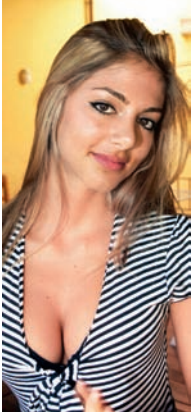
X-FACTOR

One of the most sought after players on and off the court for a combination of factors, Sania will attract huge crowds in Delhi. On court, however, she will be closely watched by fans and rivals. Sania's forehand, one of the biggest shots in the women's game, had lost some of its sting following injury and surgery. She seemed to be hitting fluently again at New York and last week in Guangzhou, taking control of rallies, which was really her only failing on her return to the Tour earlier in the summer.

HOME HOPES

GRAFFITI

BALOTELLI DUMPED PUBLICLY BY GIRLFRIEND



Manchester City's striker Mario Balotelli was dumped publicly on live TV when his girlfriend saw the video footage of another woman at his apartment. An Italian gossip show told that a girl named Janine stayed 12 hours at the 26million pound Manchester City ace's Milan's luxury flat. Beauty queen **Melissa Castagnoli**, 19, became furious when she felt cheated on wrongdoings of the footballer. She immediately phoned the presenters of the show and fumed that they have split, reports the *Sun*.

HOOKER'S DAD GETS HEART ATTACK

Father of Wayne Roney's £1200-a-night hooker **Jenny Thompson** has been hospitalized after a heart attack. Respectable oil engineer Hamish Thompson, 55, was driving in London as he and wife Dani took their son Max, 19, back to university. He managed to pull over, then staggered into a hotel lobby — where he collapsed and was rushed fighting for life to intensive care. Doctors have described his condition as "stable". The coronary comes just a

week after he issued a public apology to Rooney's wife Coleen over his privately-educated daughter's vice shame. Jenny, 21 got a "hysterical" call from her mum as paramedics fought to save her father. "Dani basically gave both barrels down the phone to Jenny," the *Sun* quoted a source close to the well-heeled family as saying. "She was effectively saying, 'I hope you're proud of yourself.' Jenny's been crying non-stop. She blames herself," the source added.



Former Oz great faces sexual charge

One of Australia's greatest sportsmen is being investigated over allegations of sexual assault. According to The Herald Sun, the unnamed former champion has been banned from having contact with a female for a week, and added that the sportsman was intoxicated when the alleged offence occurred. Police said they would not comment on whether an investigation was taking place, although argument was heard in court over forensic analysis. **ANI**

Pillai reaches maiden final

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Nashik: Mumbai Suburbs' Riya Pillai avenged her heart-wrenching loss in the team championship with a clinical 21-15, 21-16 over Pune's Anuradha Shrikhande to book her maiden final berth in the Maharashtra Senior State badminton championship, being or-

>>>BADMINTON SR STATE FINAL

ganized by the Nashik Badminton Association at Nashik Gymkhana. Sixteen-year-old Riya had failed to convert four match points against Shrikhande in the deciding rubber of their semifinal and it looked like the youngster had succumbed to nerves then.

But on Saturday, the trainee of the Padukone Shuttlers Academy completely outplayed her more experienced opponent to set up a summit clash with top seed Jui Agaskar of Thane.

Agaskar got the better of fourth seed Rucha Nikam of Pune 21-11, 21-17.

Incorrect IDs lead to accreditation goof up

Rajeev Deshpande & Rumu Banerjee | TNN

New Delhi: With an event as large as the Commonwealth Games, some slips are unavoidable. But the organisers seem to have scored a huge self-goal with a mix up in accreditations denying even senior officials access to venues and areas under their jurisdictions.

The organising committee (OC) is scrambling to set right what appears to be incorrect coding of identity-accreditations issued to its officials. The "infinity" pass issued to senior OC officials, which allows access to all venues, has been malfunctioning. It has only ended up inconveniencing officials as they move from venue to venue addressing last lap glitches.

Officials wondered at how these cards could have been botched up giv-

en that the process was essential with venues now headed for lock downs with Delhi Police taking charge. It seems that the September 19 deadline set by the group of ministers this week would have to be stretched a little further for at least some venues like the

>>>ANOTHER FIASCO COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and the Games Village.

The accreditation process has run into trouble at various levels and wrong IDs have been a problem as well with it being found in some cases that the names and pictures did not match. So apart from the problem of access denial to its own officials, the OC is having to deal with remaking cards

and passes to set right mismatches in identities.

It would seem that with the accreditation process structured in a manner where functional area (FA) heads send in lists of the workforce to be further vetted, is not working as planned. Some officials felt that the heads lack experience while others wondered if there were problems in the processing of information by the firm contracted to handle accreditation cards.

Sources say requests for accreditation are still going in, despite the fact that the process is supposed to be locked by the end of next week. It is being claimed that 75% of the accreditations are complete. The support staff attached to venues are yet to be issued accreditations and passes as are those who work for various contractors.

Derek Philips, consultant for the accreditations, had asked the OC to finalise a list of persons two months ago. Even if this was not possible, huge delays added to the chaos as hundreds of accreditations are being processed. "Its a mad scramble for accreditation."

Lalit Bhanot, secretary general, OC, admitted the cards had not all been given out yet, though he claimed this was more of a logistical problem. "Verification has been done, distribution of the cards is on. Workforce and volunteers were one of the first to get the accreditation cards," he said. He agreed cards for venue maintenance staff and technical officials were being processed. "But since these groups go to work only after September 23, a few days delay is not a problem," he added.

‘Residents not helping the sport’

Mumbai: Union Minister and AIFF President Praful Patel on Saturday took a dig at residents' association in South Mumbai which is opposing the building of a football stadium at the Cooperage ground and has also filed a PIL in the Bombay High Court on the issue. "There are far too little playgrounds in Mumbai for any sport including cricket. If you see the Shivaji Park ground so many matches are on with the areas overlapping that you don't know who is playing in which match," observed Patel who is also the president of the Western India Football Association (WIFA) and the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

"We (WIFA, who are the caretakers of the Cooperage football ground) have not been able to do much (to develop the place) with the PIL. Are they (opposing the stadium plans) doing any good for the sport?" the civil aviation minister asked.

Patel was referring to the



LOTS OF LUCK: MP Milind Deora dropped by 14-year-old Hussain Vahanvaty's home to wish him luck on the eve of the boys departure to London. Vahanvaty, a student of St Mary's ICSE, along with Shaun Fernandes of St Paul's earned a six week training stint with Championship side Queens Park Rangers when they were selected as the best players of the South Mumbai Soccer Challenge organised by Deora earlier in the year

PIL filed in the Bombay High Court by former municipal commissioner Jamshed Kanga, the Oval Cooperage Residents' Association and a few others. Their contention is that Cooperage, which forms a part of the Oval Heritage

sub precinct, has been planned as a recreation ground and that permission granted to build a stadium and a club house there by the state chief minister in 2003 was in violation of these rules. **PTI**

Spark Of Gold runs to surprise victory

Shallendra Awasthi | TNN

Pune: Bangalore challenger Spark Of Gold, available at 4/1, registered a surprise victory in the Idar Gold Trophy (Grade 3), the feature event of the Pune Races

>>>RESULTS PUNE RACES

held on Saturday. Favourite Native Knight disappointed his army of followers again and finished third.

RESULTS WITH DIVIDENDS

1. Scaglietti Plate (1000m): Prince Of Troy 1, Sea Bucaner 2, Itsdawnofracing 3, Fantastic 4. Hd, 2-1/4, nk. T:1:01.32. Win: 52.
2. Act In Time Plate (1400m): Aristocratical 1, Arch Rival 2, Wells Fargo 3, Hi Dolly 4. Hd, 1-3/4, 2. T:1:30.72. Win: 32.
3. Radical Force Trophy (2400m): Cambiasso 1, Doi Moi 2, Go Guzzi Go 3, Cosmopolitan 4. Hd, 2-1/2,

4-1/2. T:2:41:52. Win: 20.
4. Cape Knight Plate-Div-II (1000m): Star Of Roses 1, Nou Camp 2, Blush 3, Major Wager 4. 1-1/4, 1/2, 2-3/4. T:1:01.16. Win: 115.
5. Jaidev Plate (1600m): Angelo 1, Aristocratic 2, Red Dragon 3, Tromos 4. 1, 1-1/2, 3/4. T:1:40.30. Win: 41.
6. Radio One Trophy (1400m): Star Of Venus 1, Ocean Yarrman 2, Samiel 3, Flashing Sword 4. Nk, 1-1/4, Hd. T:1:27.44. Win: 22.
7. Idar Gold Trophy (Grade 3) (2400m): Spark Of Gold 1, Arshavien 3, Petra 4, 3-1/4, hd, 1-1/4. T:1:00.86. Win: 33.
Jackpot: 70% 24319 (24) & 30% 2842 (88); Super Jackpot: 70% 27161 (4) & 30% 3880 (12);
Treble: (I) 471 (60); (II) 336 (131).

Ocean Emperor looks good

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Pune: Ocean Emperor, a very impressive performer during the last Mumbai Season, looks good among 11 contenders in the Piaggio Apemini Sprint Million, the feature event of the Pune races to be held on Sunday.

>>>SELECTION PUNE RACES

This Sheraz Sunderji trained gelding has also been doing well in the morning workouts and under the able hands of jockey C Rajendra, may emerge winner. Star Of Killarney may pose a threat to him.

SELECTIONS

1. Premier Collection Plate (2400m): Tintoretto 1, Reinstate 2.
2. Amazing Bay Trophy (1600m): Saltoro 1, Swahili 2.
3. So Perfect Plate (1000m): Nefyn 1, Semper Eadem 2.
4. Glensanda Plate (1800m): Stunning Thunder 1, Zillonaire 2.
5. Yana Trophy (1600m): Confiserie 1, Star Treasure 2.
6. Piaggio Apemini Sprint Million (1200m): 1. Star Of Killarney 57 P Kamlesh 1; 2. Ocean Wish 55.5 C S Jodha 8; 3. Royal Highness 55.5 Y S Srinath 9; 4. Ocean Emperor 54 C Rajendra 6; 5. Angels Pursuit 52.5 A Imran Khan 2; 6. Illustrious 52.5 B Prakash 7; 7. Khursaniyah 52.5 Dashrath Singh 11; 8. Viva La Diva 52.5 Imran Chisty 10; 9. Palazzo Grazioli 50 S Zervan 3; 10. Andromache 48.5 Aryan Merchant 4; 11. Venus Rosewater 48.5 Neeraj Rawal 5. Ocean Emperor 1, Star Of Killarney 2.
7. Consequence Plate (1000m): Blumarine 1, Dictator 2.
8. Capitulate Plate (1200m): Aberdovey 1, National Ikon 2. Day's best: Aberdovey

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MAGIC ON DISPLAY

Lee-Hesh Win 24th Match On The Trot, India Stay Alive

Sarath Pookkat | TNN

Chennai: They probably are not as sharp as they once were. They don't let out war cries as they used to when they were on a winning spree. They are not the best of buddies any more. Time has done a lot of damage to this pair, but no matter what, when Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi play doubles together, if you are an Indian sports fan, expect nothing less than magic.

>>>DAVIS CUP INDIA 1 BRAZIL 2

On Saturday at the SDAT Stadium Nungambakkam, the old magic was once again on show as the pair beat the Brazilian combination of Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-1 in two hours and 19 minutes to bring India back into contention in their Davis Cup tie. India still trail 1-2 with two reverse singles matches to be played on Sunday.

But Saturday was all about Lee and Hesh.

This was the pair's 24th consecutive victory and it make us sit and think what would have been, had this pair remained a pair throughout their careers.

Of course, both of them have won a lot with different partners but there is something special on show when they play together.

"Magic happens when we play together," Leander said later and he couldn't have been more right.

The Indian pair took off in the first set and the Brazilians were playing catch up from the beginning itself.

The tall Marcelo Melo's serve was broken in the very

first game and after Bhupathi held his serve Bruno Soares suffered the same fate as Melo and the Indians raced away to a 4-0 lead. Though Bhupathi lost his serve to let the Brazilians back into the set for a while, the Indian pair soon took the set 6-4 when Bhupathi fired an ace down the T.

Melo and Soares regained their composure and the second was quietly moving into a tiebreak when it suddenly burst into life. Leander was serving to stay in the set and all of a sudden the Brazilians had two set points. A couple of points went to the Indians and it was deuce again. Then, after a short rally Bhupathi fired an overhead kill, pumped his fist, let out a war cry and banged his chest on to his old friend Leander's. Good old times were back again. And it was advantage India. Literally.

Soon it was tie-break and at 6-5 when Melo's return fell in the net the Indians celebrated with their chest bumping was once again. Only this time they jumped higher: The Indian pair had by now had the measure of their rivals and finishing them off was a mere formality.

Melo lost his serve in the third set again as the Indians raised to a 3-0 lead. Soares held his serve but it only stopped the set from being a whitewash. Melo was again broken and Paes was soon serving for the match. And it was all over for Melo and Soares when Leander served deep and rushed in to complete the kill.

The pair has kept India alive for another day, and the ball is now in Somdev's court, literally!



MATCH STATS

	INDIA	BRAZIL
Aces	1	3
DF	4	4
1st Serve %	66	69
TP Won	102	84
BP conv %	57	14
2nd Serve %	88	85
DF: Double Faults; BP: Break Points; TP: Total Points		

The chest bumps were on display as Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi ran out easy winners over the Brazilian pair on Saturday

Joining forces, in style

Dwaipayan Datta | tnn

Chennai: The chest bumps are back, the chemistry looks fabulous, and the Indian Express is on a roll. In a week's time, they'll be playing the Bangkok Open together as preparation for the Commonwealth Games, but before that Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi showed on and off court that they are enjoying each other's company.

From getting together at the net plotting a point to addressing the media together, Lee-Hesh gave the impression that they are ready to recreate the magic. The magic that has won them 24 Davis Cup doubles matches consecutively and three Grand Slam titles. When Bhupathi said that they would have won "at least 15 if we were playing together", even Paes looked a little surprised. "Hesh, you're sure about this?" the champion laughed, as the media enjoyed every bit of their camaraderie, and for once, it seemed they weren't playing to the galleries.

"I don't know how it all comes back. Even if we don't play together for three years and then asked to play a match one fine morning, we'll probably get it right," Bhupathi, who is never known to be too emotional about the partnership, said.

Leander has always insisted that he wants to win the Olympic medal and if the Saturday show was anything to go by, it would be extremely disappointing not to see them together on the grass-courts of Wimbledon in two years time.

"We still don't have that Olympic medal.

That's, of course, in our minds, but we don't want to look too far ahead," the doubles specialist added. But when everything is falling so beautifully into place, why not play together on the circuit?

"The magician doesn't perform everyday, does he?" a smiling Leander left the beautiful story open-ended.

France rout Argentina, reach final

Lyon: France reached their first Davis Cup final in eight years after securing an insurmountable 3-0 lead over Argentina by winning the doubles on Saturday. Michael Llodra and Arnaud Clement, playing together in Davis Cup for the first time in more than two years, defeated Eduardo Schwank and Horacio Zeballos 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 in 2 1/2 hours to decide the best-of-five tie.

The French will face either the Czech Republic or Serbia in the Dec 3-5 final. In Belgrade, the Czech Republic took a 2-1 lead over Serbia after Tomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek won the doubles against Nenad Zimonjic and Novak Djokovic. The Czech duo fought back from a set down in the Belgrade Arena to win 3-6 6-1 6-4 6-1 and stay on course to reach their second successive final. AGENCIES

INDIANS ABROAD

Kapur tied 28th after Rd2

Indian golfer Shiv Kapur turned in a blemish-free six-under 66 to make amends for a poor opening day show and be placed tied 28th after the second round of the Austrian Open in Atzenbrugg. Kapur slotted in six birdies in a brilliant performance which helped him recover from a disastrous four-over 76 on the opening day. His two-round total stood at two-under 142.

Sania-Edina in semifinals:

Sania Mirza and Edina Gallovits stunned fourth seeds Anna Smith and Zi Yan in straight sets to progress to the doubles semifinals of the Guangzhou International Women's Open. The unseeded Indo-Romanian pair beat British-Chinese pair 6-2 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the \$220,000 hard court events. They will face Ukraine's Olga Savchuk and Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand.

Indian archers make exit:

Indian women duo of Dola Banerjee and Deepika Kumari made first round exit in recurve bow section of the Archery World Cup Final at Edinburgh. Dola was no match to Justyna Mospinek of Poland who beat her 0-6, while reigning Cadet World champion Deepika gave Ukrainian Victoriya Koval some fight before going down 4-6.

First podium finish for Armaan in F2

Leslie Xavier | TNN

Chennai: "Finally... finally... finally!" Armaan Ebrahim exclaimed, the 21-year-old shedding his usually shy persona to celebrate the moment, his first podium in the Formula Two series.

Armaan finished third in Race 1 of the final event in the F2 calendar in Valencia on Saturday to break his podium duck and end the season on a high. The champagne, which the upcoming Indian ace uncorked at the grand stand, was doubly sweet as he became the first Asian to make it to the podium of the series. With just one race (Race 2) to go in the season, Dean Stoneman of Great Britain, with



269 points, secured the 2010 crown after a top-10 finish in Race 1 which was won by Italy's Nicola de Marco.

After grabbing pole in qualifying, De Marco controlled the race from the start to chequered flag to secure his second victory of the season. If the Italian had a blemish-free run in the

race, Armaan's drive was equally impressive as the Indian made amends for his lacklustre season, major part of it due to bad luck during the races.

"It (podium finish) was always there race in and race out, but something always fell out and it never happened," said Armaan, relief in his voice after having broken the jinx. "Luck was not my best friend this season. Some days it would be mechanical issues, other days some incident on track ruining my run and chances of qualifying," recalled Armaan about the long season of nine rounds (17 races) so far.

Armaan is now ninth in the championship standings, the Indian

believing he would have been much higher if things were smoother through the season.

However, what's important is that the 21-year-old never lost heart and was determined to give his best in the last two races. Armaan was more than happy to explain the mental side of the good showing.

"After long deliberations last night, I made up my mind that this was it and this was going to be a podium though testing did not go well," said Armaan. Aditya Patel qualified in tenth position for the sixth round race of the Volkswagen Scirocco Cup in Oschersleben, Germany, on Saturday.

Once upon a time, and still, in India.

The British Raj continues to retain its Indian connection

More than six decades after the British left India, the descendants of the Raj continue to keep India alive in their hearts and lives. Read more on how they nurture the bond with India, in this issue of THE WEEK.

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IN PRAYER:
Sanjay Dutt

Seeking Bappa's blessings!

Sanjay Dutt joined *The Times of India* in the Shri Siddhivinayak Visarjan Rath Yatra

TNN

Ganpati devotees at the Siddhivinayak Temple in Prabhadevi were pleasantly surprised when Bollywood superstar Sanjay Dutt joined them in the *aarti* on Friday. Dutt, who partici-

pated with the *The Times of India* in the Shri Siddhivinayak Visarjan Rath Yatra that culminated at Dadar Chowpatty, told *BT*, "I worship here often." Added the actor, "In fact right after I was released from jail, I had come

straight here." Thousands of devotees joined the *rath yatra*. It was a beautiful float in which the trucks were decorated with carnations, marigolds and bright lights. Dutt was very happy to be a part of the celebration.

Shantanu Das



STYLISH! Actress Sarita Chaudhary is flanked by designers Monica and Karishma. "Every piece in this collection makes a powerful statement," said Sarita. Little wonder then, she has adorned herself exclusively in JADE's festive 2010 collection at all events to promote her award winning film in India. Monica and Karishma describe the collection as a "colorful celebration of life, love, laughter, spirituality, folk art, and music". Chic ensembles draw inspiration from a varied cross-cultural mix of vintage and modern, ethnic and contemporary. The collection is available at JADE at Peddar Road

'Scarlett cracked me up a lot'

Mark Manuel | TNN

Cheers... it doesn't get more heady and sparkling than this! Arjun Rampal and Scarlett Johansson picking grapes, sipping champagne, discussing cinema over dinner in Epernay, France. The *Rajneeti* and *We Are Family* Bollywood hunk later said of the sexy *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* and *He's Just Not That Into You* Hollywood diva, "We got along like a house on fire. Scarlett's humble, real, she's very grounded, and her sense of humour... she cracked me up a lot!"

This is the same actress that Hollywood's legendary cinema man Woody Allen, with whom Scarlett made three films, once said about, "She's sexually overwhelming. And it's hard to be extra witty around a sexually overwhelming, beautiful, young woman who is wittier than you are." Now Arjun confirmed Scarlett's sex appeal and wit: "She's really beautiful and remarkable, but easy to strike a conversation with. Actors around the world speak the same language. We have the same passions and interests. We are real people. There's the image, of course, but Scarlett had no ego. She was loads of fun."

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TWO'S COMPANY: Arjun Rampal and Scarlett Johansson. To follow Arjun, sms ARJU to 55558, toll-free from your Airtel phone, and get free updates, photos and videos.

ON A FASHION HIGH

Day 1 of the Lakme Fashion Week saw creativity at its best

Marcellus Baptista | TNN

Fresh fashion came to the fore on the first day first show of Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2010 at Grand Hyatt on Friday. Laser lights pierced the air and danced on the long ramp at the GenNext show as young and talented designers including Riddhi and Siddhi Mapxencar, Juilee Benkale, Fazal Mahmood and Akanksha Arora, Pragya and Megha Samor, Jelin George and Ruchika Sachdeva displayed their creations.

Indigo and natural dyes featured heavily in the collection by Abhishek Dutta with a range that aimed to promote nature on all fronts. Colours like blue, deep aqua, Turkish blue, white, pearl along with silver and antique gold were on view with a profusion of embellishments with *resham*, appliqué, cutwork and plenty of highlights with Mukaish and metal chains.

Following him, was Soumitra Mondal who gave an earthy ethnic touch with khadi in earthy tones of dark brown, maroon, black and green. Batik was the main craft that added to the rustic beauty of the

khadi fabric in different designs and colours. Presenting an Indian line, the designer worked wonders with the sarees, lehengas, kurtis, kalidar kurtas and long dresses.

The return to nature theme continued with Digvijay Singh for Bhusattva presenting an organic collection inspired by the Rafflesia flower called 'Tidak Ada Lagi' which means "there are not many left" in Malay. Silhouettes of the collection were inspired by the flower but with a marked Indian touch, giving a flowing elegant look to the creations.

From the designing table of Asmita Marwa once again it was Maya that inspired her, but this time it was the 'Evolution of Maya' as the theme. Aimed at the free-spirited globe-trotter who is quite bohemian at heart but wants no boundaries for her dressing preferences, the designer's creations had that certain touch of spiritual attitude. The *dories* or threads that were the highlight of the collection symbolised the lines that connect life.

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Actress
Nandana
Sen walks
for Digvijay
Singh



LOVEBIRDS: Kareena
Kapoor and Saif Ali
Khan and (inset)
Johnny Depp

Meena Iyer | TNN

Kareena Kapoor's birthday plans for September 21 have undergone a change. Bebo was to originally fly to Paris with her mother, sister Karisma and beau Saif Ali Khan. Now Babita Kapoor and Karisma have dropped out because Karisma's children are too young and the actress doesn't want to put them through too much travel in a span of just four days.

Saif is now taking his girl-



friend for a four-day trip to the most romantic city in the world. While the actors are likely to stay at the Ritz Hotel, they will be having the birthday dinner at the Mandala Ray, a restaurant near the Champs Elysees. This restaurant and bar is co-owned by Johnny Depp, Sean Penn and John Malkovich.

Bebo says, "Both Saif and I are crazy about Johnny Depp. And Saif just thought it is appropriate to buy me my birthday dinner at Johnny's restaurant." The actress won't reveal anything further... but one hears that Saif has another 'surprise' planned for her in connection to Johnny Depp. But this one is truly a surprise and Saif refuses to divulge anything till after the 21st.

What a memento!

TNN



Mark Wahlberg keeps a 13" fake penis — a memento from his movie *Boogie Nights*, in which he played a well-endowed porn star — in his house! He explained: "I used to keep it in my desk drawer. And I'd take it out and slap my friends in the face with it. I don't keep many things from my movies, but that just seemed to have personal significance."

Arjun Rampal on Hollywood actress Scarlett Johansson with whom he drank champagne in Epernay

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EVENTS



EXHIBITION
Tao Art Gallery: 'Rooted Landscapes', by Rini Dhimal, Dr Annie Besant Road Worli.

DANCE/MUSIC/THEATRE

The Class Act: An acting class has students from different religious, caste and class backgrounds, each with conflicting views on almost everything. Sophia Bhabha Hall, Cumballa Hill, Breach Candy, 7 pm.
Bhabhu Retire Thai Che: Two unemployed actors try to fleece a financier by making a flop Gujarati play and pocketing the money. Experimental Theatre, NCPA, Nariman Point, 6.30 pm.

Poore Chaand Ki Raat And Ichha: A man trying to commit suicide from a bridge keeps running into other more unsuccessful characters. Manik Sabhagiha, Indian Education Society, Bandra Reclamation, 7.45 pm.

Bus Intna sa Khwab...: Mr and Mrs Singh hope for a bright future and want to fulfill their aspirations through their son Mohit. Fine Arts Society, Chembur, 7.45 pm.
Hadh Kar-di Aapne: The 52-year-old head of a middle class family realises he is going to be a father again. Tata Theatre, NCPA, Nariman Point, 6.30 pm.

Jokey: Makarand Deshpande's Hindi play about a man who dares to question faith. Prithvi Theatre, Janki Kutir, Juhu Church Road, Vile Parle (W), 6 and 9 pm.

A Serious Night Out: UK-based stand up comics — John Fothergill, Zoe Lyons and Mike Gunn, in full flow. The Comedy Store, Palladium Mall, Phoenix Mills, Lower Parel, 8.30 pm.

LECTURES

Image Consulting Business Institute: Image Master Judith Rasband conducts workshop for women wanting to start their own businesses. Free presentation on Saturday, 401/B, Prem Mayurasan,

Bambardekar Road, Bandra (W), call 26430438/9 or visit www.image-consulting.institute.com to register.

United Lodge of Theosophists: Public lecture 'Have we lived before?'. Theosophy Hall, New Marine Lines, near Nirmala Niketan, Churchgate, 6.15 pm.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Kala Kendra: 'Throw Diabetes and obesity out of your kitchen', a talk by Sheryl Salis, nutritionist and diabetes educator. Bhavans Auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kala Kendra, Chowpaty, 10 am.

EXPEDITONS Mumbai Weekend Shoot: Join a group of amateur photographers as they explore the Sewri Fort, Sewri Jetty and the surrounding industrial area through their camera lens, meeting point is Sewri railway station, 7 am to 9 am.

EXHIBITIONS Gallery BMB: Recent works by various artists, Queens Mansion, GT Marg, Fort, 11 am to 7 pm.

Gururanak Khalsa College: 'Mumbai: Then & Now', rare, old photographs depicting the city's history and culture and pictures of present day Mumbai, Gururanak Khalsa College, Matunga.

Jehangir Art Gallery: 'Human Touch', recent paintings by Jiten Hazarika, Kala Ghoda, Fort, 11 am to 7 pm.

Matthieu Foss Gallery: 'The Great

Unwashed' and 'Stumble Asleep', an exhibition of Fabien Charauau's photographs, Hansraj Damodar Building, Goa Street, Ballard Estate, 11 am to 7 pm.

Naivedya Art Gallery: Blessings — a tribute to Lord Ganesha, by Sunil Jadhav, Pushpa Bhavan, near Strand Cinema, Colaba, 11 am to 7 pm.

Nandan Art Gallery: Paintings, graphics and sculptures by Suchitra Banerjee, Ashis Kr Das, Karunamooy Sur and Puspun Roy, Rajendra Park, Station Road, Goregaon (W), 10 am to 6 pm.

Piramal Gallery: 'Journey of a Mystic', collection of photographs by Ashok Kochhar, NCPA, Nariman Point, 10 am to 7 pm.

Pradarshak Art Gallery: 'Merchants of Light', exhibition by Sweta Poddar, 100, Kalpana Bldg, Plot No.338, 12th Road, Khar (W), 11 am to 7 pm.



EXHIBITION
Indian Oil Art Exhibition: 'Artists of Tomorrow', display of works by 37 veteran and budding artists, Indian Oil Bhavan, Ali Yavar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), 11 am to 7 pm

Sakshi Gallery: Bangladesh drawings by K G Subramanyan, Tanna House, 11-A, Nathalal Parekh Marg, Colaba, 11 am to 6 pm.

The Viewing Room: 'Postcards from Mumbai', paintings by Alexis Halliwell, 4th Floor, Elysium Mansion, Colaba Causeway.

WELLNESS

Times Foundation 1. Nalanda@HELP (Health Education Library for People): Free talk on diet and nutrition for growing children by Dr Imtiaz Kondkari, Nalanda Help, National Insurance Bldg, Dr DN Road Fort, 3.30 pm.

2. Osho International Foundation: Free meditation programme, Times of India Building, CST, 10 am to 1 pm.

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ENGLISH

SHANGAI (U/A)★★★
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John Cussack
In this period drama, an American (John) who is in Shanghai, through the investigation of the death of a friend, ends up falling in love while stumbling on a political conspiracy.

SOUTH MUMBAI Central Plaza 11.20 am **Inox** 10.25 am, 11 pm, 12, 5, 7, 11.20 pm **Metro Big Cinema** 10.15 am, 4.30, 11 pm **PVR Phoenix Mills** 11 am, 3.15, 8, 10.50 pm **Sterling** 10 am, 2.30, 4.45, 10.30 pm

WESTERN SUBURBS Cinemax Versova 12 noon, 9.15 pm **Fame Andheri** 10.30 am, 6.30 pm **Fame Malad** 1.45, 3.30, 8.30 pm **Fun Andheri** 2.30, 7.15, 10.45 pm **Glamour** 12.45, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30, 10.30 pm **PVR Goregaon** 9.35 am, 1.15, 11pm **PVR Juhu** 9.35 am, 2.25, 7, 11.10 pm

CENTRAL SUBURBS Big Cinema Wadala 11 am, 6.30, 11.15 pm **Big Cinema Ghatkopar** 2.45, 11.15 pm, **Big Cinema Mulund** 2, 10.15 pm **PVR Mulund** 9 am, 1.15, 10.45 pm **Kulraj Boardway, Bhandup** 12.30, 4.30, 9, 11 pm

FOR REAL (U/A)★★★
58888 Code: for
Sarita Choudhury, Zoya Hasan, Sameer Dharmadhikari
Six-year old Shruti knows something no one else does. An alien has come in place of her mother and her real mother has been sent to the Orion Galaxy. Shruti turns to her brother for help but he doesn't believe her. Her father, like always, remains wrapped in work and unavailable to her. Unable to accept the alien in her home, the lonely child runs away in search of her

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mother. It's the story of a child's passage to finding her real mother, a man's struggle to save his family and a woman's journey to finding herself.

SOUTH MUMBAI Inox 12.35, 6.40 pm, **PVR Phoenix Mills** 1.25, 9.30 pm **WESTERN SUBURBS PVR Juhu** 12 noon, 9.25 pm, **PVR Goregaon** 11.40 am, 9.10 pm **CENTRAL SUBURBS PVR Mulund** 9 pm

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Milla Jovovich, Ali Larter, Wentworth Miller
In a world ravaged by a virus infection, turning its victims into the Undead, Alice (Jovovich), continues on her journey to find survivors and lead them to safety. Her deadly battle with the Umbrella Corporation reaches new heights, but Alice gets some unexpected help from an old friend. A new lead that promises a safe haven from the Undead takes them to Los Angeles.

SOUTH MUMBAI Central Plaza 2.30, 8.30 pm **Inox** 10.35 am, 12, 5, 7, 11.20 pm **Metro Big Cinema** 10.45 am, 3, 7.15, 9.15, 11.15 pm **PVR Phoenix Mills** 9.40 am, 2.10, 6.45, 9, 11.10 pm **New Empire** 1 pm **New Excelsior** 3.45, 6.45 pm

WESTERN SUBURBS Cinemax Versova 9.30 am, 3.15, 5.15, 7.15, 11.15 pm **Fame Andheri** 10 am, 2, 4, 9.15, 11.15 pm **Fame Malad** 9 am, 1, 6.10, 10, 11.50 pm **Fun Andheri** 10.50 am, 3.45, 8.30, 10.45 pm

Movietime Hub 1, 2, 6, 11 pm **PVR Juhu** 9.50 am, 2.20, 6.50, 9, 11.20 pm **IN HINDI AT Fun Fiesta** 3.30, 5.45, 9.45 pm **Gossip** 12.30, 3.30, 6.30 pm **Gemini** 9.30 pm **Maxus** 11.30 am, 1, 4, 7, 9.10 pm **CENTRAL SUBURBS Big Cinema Wadala** 9.45, 11.45 am, 1.45, 7.15, 9.15, 11.15 pm **Cinemax Sion** 8.30 am, 12.45, 2.45, 6.45, 9 pm **Cinemax Vashi** 9.45 am, 2, 6.30, 10.30 pm **Eternity Mall** 10.15 am, 12.15, 4.30, 6.30, 10.30 pm **Fun Chembur** 10.45 am, 3.30, 8.15, 10.30 pm **Fame Vashi** 10.45 am, 3, 5, 10.50 pm **IN HINDI AT Anand** 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm **Cinemaj** 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm **Meghraj** 11 am, 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 pm

STEP UP 3D (U)★★★

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Rick Malambri, Adam G. Sevani, Sharni Vinson

A tight-knit group of New York City street dancers, including Luke (Malambri) and Natalie (Vinson), team up with NYU freshman Moose (Sevani), and find themselves pitted against the world's best hip hop dancers in a high-stakes showdown that will change their lives forever.

SOUTH MUMBAI Inox 10.20 am, 4.30 pm **Metro Big Cinema** 12.15, 8.45 pm **PVR Phoenix Mills** 9, 11.50 am, 1.10, 4.20, 8.50, 10.50 pm

WESTERN SUBURBS Cinemax Versova 2.15 pm **Fame Andheri**

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9 pm **Fame Malad** 1, 8.45 pm **Fun Andheri** 1, 3.30, 8.20 pm **Cinemax Kandivali** 4.15 pm **Movietime Hub** 11 am, 3, 8.15 pm **PVR Juhu** 9.30 am, 2, 4.20, 8.50, 11.10 pm

CENTRAL SUBURBS Big Cinemax Ghatkopar 12.30, 7 pm **Cinemax Sion** 9 am, 4 pm **Cinemax Vashi** 12 noon **Fun Chembur** 12.30, 5.30 pm **PVR Mulund** 1.35 pm

INCEPTION (U/A)★★★★
58888 Code: inc
Leonardo DiCaprio

The movie starts with Dom Cobb (Leonardo) washed up to a beach. He is injured and seems delirious. What follows is a journey through dreams and reality.

SOUTH MUMBAI PVR Phoenix Mills 5.15, 8 pm **WESTERN SUBURBS Fame Malad** 15.45 pm **Gem** 3.30, 6.15 pm **PVR Juhu** 6.40 pm **Movietime Hub** 11 am **CENTRAL SUBURBS Big Cinemas Mulund** 10.35 am,



A still from 'DABANGG'

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SOUTH MUMBAI Aalankar 3.15, 6.15, 9.15 pm **Central Plaza** 41, 3.30, 5.45, 10.30 p **Dreamland** 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm **Eros** 3.45, 6.45, 9.45 pm **Metro Big Cinema** 10, 11.30 am, 12, 12.45, 2.45, 3.30, 5.30, 6.15, 8.15, 9, 10.30 pm **PVR Phoenix Mills** 10.35 am, 12.15, 2.55, 6.45, 7.15, 9.30, 10 pm **Regal** 1,

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This is surely going to be another feather in Y Rajeev Reddy's cap. The Founder and Chairman of Country Club Of India Ltd (CCIL), India's leading leisure and infrastructure company, is planning to take the concept of wellness tourism pan India and has grand plans for the same. CCIL has earmarked Rs 100 crores for creating a chain of Country Spas across India over the next two years. On September 14, Bollywood actress Mahima Chaudhary inaugurated the Country Spa Coconut Groove, Bangalore along with Rajeev. The spa that is spread over twenty five scenic acres, has fifty rooms and offers traditional Ayurvedic and Naturopathy treatments. Speaking at the launch of Country Spa, Rajeev stated "The concept of Country Spas reflects the potential CCIL sees in the world of wellness tourism. Authentic Ayurvedic therapy is gaining popularity. A large number of foreign nationals are visiting India for therapies. Yoga and Ayurveda are India's gift to the world and with Country Spas, we aim to capitalise the same." CCIL's spa foray began in 2009 with the launch of Country Spa,

A 'spa'ctacular plan!



CCIL CMD Rajeev Reddy with Mahima Chaudhary at the launch of Country Spa

Kerala, India's first floating Spa, that offers state-of-the art hydrotherapies. Spread over five acres of utopian environs, Country Spa, Kerala, also offers ancient Ayurvedic treatments and diet plans that lead to complete body and mind rejuvenation. CCIL has tied-up with the renowned Kairali group for Country Spas. "The next two years would see six more Country Spas with an inventory of five hundred rooms coming up at Dubai, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai," said Rajeev.

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MY SUNDAY

Sahil Shroff, model

I usually wake up a little late and indulge in a big breakfast spread. Then I spend some time reading and relaxing, followed by a heavy lunch. I take a quick siesta and usually catch up with friends, either at my place or theirs. We end up watching the formula one race together. Late evenings are for a swim or a walk, playing board games with friends or going for a romantic dinner date."



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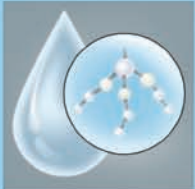
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TRESMODE LOOK OF THE DAY



A model struts down the ramp in Tresmode's 'Cooser', a black towering architectural wedge with a metal buckled upper at the Gen Next show on day 1 at the Lakme Fashion Week 2010

Yesterday, today and tomorrow



Krishna Mehta

When it comes to nostalgic fashion, Krishna Mehta has the right answer. Working on a couture story after a decade and dwelling into her fashionable archives, Krishna presented a mature collection of ethnic wear with a mix of western elegance. Teaming the crafts of yesteryear with the innovations in dyeing, printing and texturing techniques, the designer showed smartly structured jackets and tunics and then balanced the story with some floppy dresses that slipped off the shoulder and when teamed with silver embroidered hot pants they made great fashion statements. Fabrics like georgette were often coated with gold or silver while lamee georgette and jacquard were splashed with classic embroidery. The centre of attraction was the chikan work and the rich sequined embellishments that she used lavishly. Heavily embroidered jackets were teamed with sarees, lehengas or dresses and hemlines were rouched and doubled to give a slight western touch. Tunics and dresses were either sexy, short or turned into multi kali anarkali kurtas. Men's wear had classic sherwanis with heavy zardozi or chikan work, but it was the ecru muslin floor-length kurtas with georgette Nehru vests for men that will prove to be interesting additions.



Models Shriya Kishore and Freddy Daruwala display some of the creations



Make-up expert, Pallavi Symons demonstrates the Gypsies looks from Lakme's Winter Collection on former Miss World Diana Hayden

Mumbai inspires Nari



Narendra Kumar

The swish set abandoned their swanky cars and got into a crowded Mumbai local, as celebrated couturier Narendra Kumar presented his show. Flashing across the runway, were lovely loungewear that spelt relaxed glamour in a neutral colour palette of beige, cream and okra with subtle hints of lavender, coral and marigold. Clean lines and utility prevailed in the work-wear inspired looks while hand-detail finishing preserved the luxe element. Sport inspired club and cocktail looks echoed the energetic ambience of the city markets, while form-fitting gowns enveloped the body in delicate pastels, gleaming gold and biscuit with rich embroidery and lustrous texturing perfectly balanced by the billowy sheaths of organza and georgette.

MARCELLUS BAPTISTA

GOOD TIMES WITH KINGFISHER

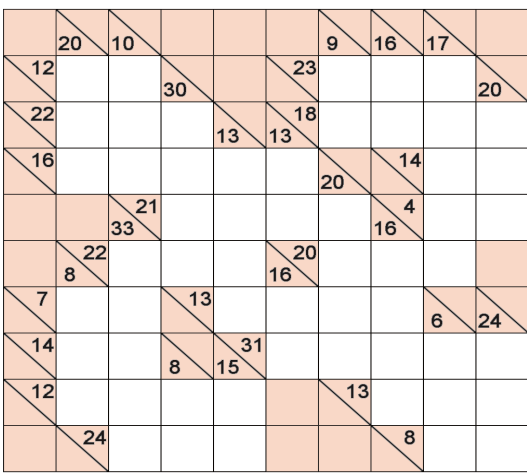


Ash Chandler, Junelia Aguiar and Kadambari Lakhani

Kingfisher Blue bar was the most revelled place where chilled Kingfisher premium and Blue kept the patrons in high spirits!

The first day held style and panache amidst the elite from the world of fashion, the well-heeled socialites, and the fashionistas sporting beautiful and eye catchy designs to mark a fabulous beginning. The crème de la crème seen at the event included Kadambari Lakhani, Dolly Thakore, Ash Chandler with girlfriend, Shamita Singha and Fahad Samar to name a few. Kingfisher with its association with all the key fashion events in the country — WLIFW, LFW has become synonymous to fashion and style. The brand constantly achieves its objective of giving Good Times to all at fashion events of such stature.

TIMES KAKURO



Level: Medium

The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the blue square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance in the example, we cannot have the combination of 8+4+8 for 20.

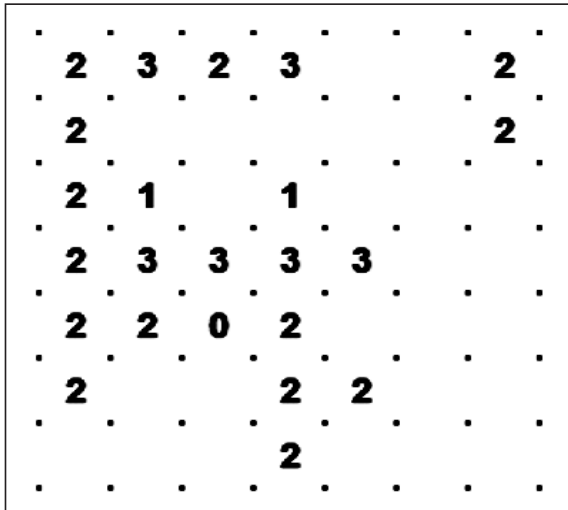
TIMES SU-DOKU



Level: Medium

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

LOOP THE LOOP



Rules
■ Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
■ Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
■ Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
■ You can't draw lines around zeroes.
■ Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin: Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B)

SPELLATHON

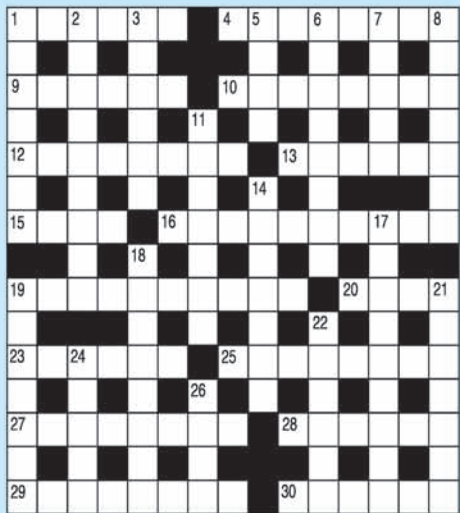
Today's Ratings:
07-average | 08-good | 10-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

MINDBENDER

Use 4 4's and only 4 4's along with any mathematical operators to make a total of 1540.

No. 2756 SUNDAY CROSSWORD



CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS: 1 Great girl marrying unlawfully (6) 4 Frenchman unusually enraged about a policeman (8) 9 Disturbance of increasing volume (6) 10 Lift to reveal switch (8) 12 Genuine currency (8) 13 It makes clothes hard to wear (6) 15 Between-maid perhaps (4) 16 I'm taking the attitude that its rather a burden (10) 19 One who follows another about in training (10) 20 Colourful source of surprise (4) 23 Your humble servant (6) 25 and 29 Across: Mix night drugs please (8,8) 27 Soldiers roar and sing wildly (8) 28 A shipwreck holds nothing for her (6) 29 See 25 Across 30 Educational measure? (6)

DOWN: 1 It's deeply opposed to the devil (4,3) 2 A garden is cultivated for flowers (9) 3 Having a disease lays me out (6) 5 After the salmon she gets food poisoning (4) 6 Joint vote wrongly cast in Irish assembly (8) 7 Chopper blade going up and down (5) 8 Made of clay from Teheran (7) 11 Loan may be arranged, though its irregular (7) 14 How people who snore sleep? (7) 17 What he wants is no good to another (3-6) 18 Expanding cutting remark about dead language (8) 19 Horse that's old and imperfect (7) 21 Avenger about to give chase (7) 22 Give up - or it may be vetoed (6) 24 She's not a graduate either (5) 26 Infantry base (4)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS: 1 Irrational fear (6) 4 Mountains of southeast Europe (8) 9 Never to be repeated (3-3) 10 Leonardo da Vinci portrait (4,4) 12 Wide view (8) 13 Exultant (6) 15 Fury (4) 16 As a climax (2,3,2,3) 19 Energy (3-2-3-2) 20 South African monetary unit (4) 23 Arrival (6) 25 Avaricious (8) 27 Big shop (8) 28 Swiss city (6) 29 Mockery (8) 30 Everything short of (3,3)

DOWN: 1 Thrive (7) 2 From one day to the next (9) 3 Tell (6) 5 Declare (4) 6 Armed forces clergyman (8) 7 Author of Gulliver's Travels (5) 8 Malicious gossip (7) 11 Seize by legal right (7) 14 Thai capital (7) 17 In a depressed state (2,1,3,3) 18 Protesting hotly (2,2,4) 19 Permission to proceed (2-5) 21 Aloof in manner (7) 22 Divulge (6) 24 Venomous snake (5) 26 Form of unarmed combat (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR CROSSWORD NO 2755

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CONTEND ESSENCE

SCRAMBLE

Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

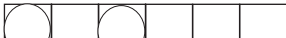
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How To Play

Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (*) to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing words as indicated

_____ is doing unto others what you would like them to do unto you. (8)

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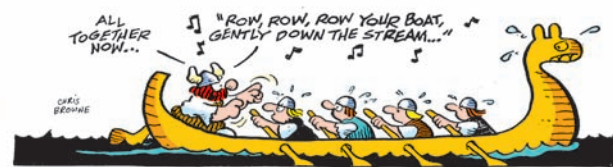
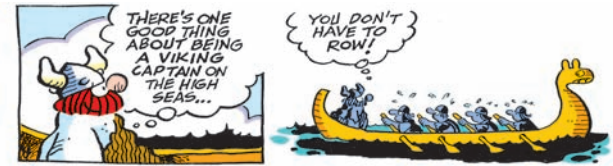
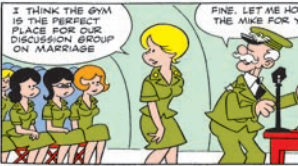
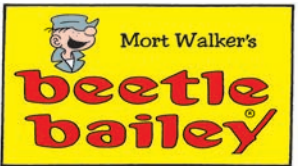
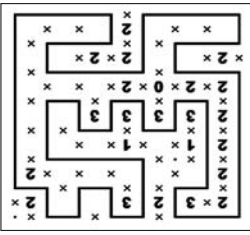
For a detailed SMS on how to play the games, SMS the game keyword to 58888. For instance, to know how to play Su-doku, SMS <SDK> to 58888 or you can log on to gamerules.india-times.com (KEYWORDS: Loop the Loop: LTL, Su-Doku: SDK, Kakuro: KAK, Scramble: SCR, Spellathon: SPL, Hitori: HTR)
You can also refer to the rules of the games which appear every Sunday on this page

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES



WORDS: FERN, TROAT, TOUCHY, CUNTLY
Answer: Counting is doing nasty things to others what you would like them to do unto you.
MINDBENDER
4! = sqrt(3!(sqrt(4!+4)))+4 = 1540
SPELLATHON
broth, herb, robe, robe, broth, berth, BEPROTH, bepro, boe, both, bother.

LOOP THE LOOP



ON A FASHION HIGH

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Anita Dongre's collection worked around a more western silhouette but highlighting them with beautiful traditional craft, the garments were adorned with stunning silver jewellery. Using some eco-friendly fabrics, Anita had a versatile wardrobe for the woman on the go. The embroidery was cleverly used on cuffs, necklines, yokes in glittering gold and silver. Drapes appeared on dresses with the greatest of ease as they moved all over the garments in an innovative manner. Bringing day one of the Lakme Fashion Week with Good Times partner Kingfisher, to a grand close, was Manish Arora, who one can always expect the unexpected from. A terrific experience of extreme creativity, bringing forth an inspirational mix of futuristic style with a robotic feel and art deco into fashion. Packed with psychedelic kaleidoscopic, abstract designs and colours, Manish appearing on the Mumbai ramp after years unleashed a line of dresses with drapes, rouched blouses, structured jackets with colourful cowl pants, bias cut skirts and sexy plunging V necklines.

A model walks in an Asmita Marwa creation



Adi Godrej



Shobhaa De



Jaya Bachchan



Niranjan Hiranandani



Chhagan Bhujbal



Shaina NC with Kangna Ranaut



Sivamani and Nana Chudasama



WELL 'SUIT'ED: Abhishek Bachchan

A reason to cheer!

It was time to give appreciation to various personalities from different walks of life and they all came together at this gala event at a five-star Sobo hotel. Organised by Nana Chudasama and daughter Shaina NC (with mother Munira there for full support), the event saw an eclectic mix of people. Representing the Bollywood brigade was Abhishek Bachchan who came with mother Jaya. She was guest of honour for the evening. Kangna Ranaut stood out in

a shocking pink and black fitting dress complete with black gloves. Kishore Biyani, Dr Sanjay N Oak, Sivamani and Dr Kailash Chandra Agrawal were some of the others felicitated. Chief guest for the evening Chhagan Bhujbal mingled with the various guests. Dolly Thakore was seen chatting with Paul Folmsbee, Shobhaa De glowed in an emerald green saree. Adi Godrej, Niranjan Hiranandani and Kiran Shantaram were some of the others present here.

Pics: Ashwini Sawant

LFW DAY 3 FASHION FORWARD

- Kickstarting Sunday's show will be a collection presented by Masaba, Purvi Doshi and VJB by V J Balhara at 12 noon.
- At 1.30 pm, Arpan Vohra will showcase his designs, followed by Debarun and Sanjay Hingu.
- Nandita Thirani and Rajat K Tangri will display their works at 3 pm.
- At 5 pm, there's the LFW Buyer-Designer Meet and Greet at The Source.
- Designers Anupamaa and Nachiket Barve will present their collection at 7 pm.
- And at 9 pm Satya Paul will showcase their range of winter/festive wear.

Doing their bit for world peace

Pics: A S



Dr Saryu Doshi with Dr Indu Shahani

It was an exhibition, but one with a difference, one that aims to spread peace and harmony around the world. On display was a rare collection of artifacts and calligraphic and pictorial representations of the works of the group, the highlights being the 63 photographic panels depicting documents and relics in Chinese and other ancient dialects. Setting the tone for the evening was Tisca Chopra looking chic in a knee-length black and white outfit who compered this do with élan. Among the variety programmed put up to enthrall the guests was a



Sabira Merchant

Surinder Kaur



Bakul Patel lighting the lamp

dance performance by a duo of colourfully attired dancers and a small skit by a group of children. Their performance was indeed well appreciated and applauded by Indu Sahani, Sabira Merchant and Poonam Soni. Also enjoying the entertainment and the various works of display were Saryu Doshi, Vinay Jain and Bakul Patel among the many guests who attended this do.

BLACK OR WHITE: Tisca Chopra

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)



Lara Dutta
Next week starts with a clear focus on work, so plan your strategies by Monday. Commitment to work may cause some intense interactions with others, but trust is the basic issue. An effort to understand other opinions is necessary. Your artistic and creative urges are strong. Till the 22nd, the time is favourable for all kinds of business activities. A religious or spiritual visit or some long-distance travel is possible around the 23th or 24th. However, if you don't travel, meetings or negotiations around this period shall be tricky, so use diplomacy and tact. Some may have problems with a dominant parent, others may experience sexual tension with a partner. Have faith and use a sensitive approach to any differences of opinion. You shall need to take care of your health for the next weeks, now that the Sun is joining Saturn. Caution is advised for those suffering from any kind of heart diseases. Your love life will also be stressful due to accusations or sarcastic comments. Just ignore it for the moment instead of reacting.

Taurus (Apr 19 - May 19)



Sonal Chauhan
Travel and study are high on the agenda, meetings with people from different cultures may bring insight and can change personal goals. Professionally, next week will be good for the Taureans. As Venus and Mars are moving in your health sector, it is likely that your energies will fluctuate. It is a good time to see a healer, especially in the area of natural therapies and counselling. Speculation and risk-taking are high on the list, but you may feel overconfident, so if you have a tendency to gamble, be careful. A relative who lives far away might contact you. Overall, the 19th to 23rd shall be a very busy and profitable time on the professional front, while the 25th is loaded with possibilities of unexpected heavy expenditure or losses. The health of your spouse may continue to be a cause of concern. Remedies of Mars will help.

Gemini (May 20 - Jun 20)



Sonam Kapoor
Financially, your luck will be quite good next week. After the 19th, you can plan important meetings accordingly. Things have started looking up ever since Mercury turned direct last week, but there might still be some tension surrounding the resources available to you through social affiliations and partnerships. Try to heed your intuition before changing alliances in any challenging group situations. There are some delays till the 19th, after which the situation will improve and you will see positive results. An old friend may give you confidence and support for any plans you're working on. Changes that

you might want to make can be achieved easily, without too much criticism from those in authority. Any dealings with the public should be enjoyable. Indulgences of all kinds abound, so be careful not to overdo it. Someone you care for will be on your mind. You will receive plenty of support from your friends and colleagues, and co-operative efforts are sure to get you results.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)



Katrina Kaif
You will have to exert yourself quite a bit to recover your money next week. The period between 20th and 22nd is one of weak energy levels and nothing will go as planned, so it is best to ignore these days for any kind of constructive or business activity. Losses through enemies you've been working against you are likely in the coming weeks, also losses through some government action or tax agencies could cause you concern. Do not pick a fight with any authority figure as that will affect you adversely. You must seek legal advice regarding your finances. You may consider joining a group to achieve social change. Socialising on a grand scale is indicated. The 22nd to 24th are your most productive days. You may be in touch with your mother and be able to express your feelings.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)



Genelia D'Souza
Next week will be slightly tough as you will have to be on your toes. A self-righteous attitude could leave others feeling alienated. Restrain the impulse to snap back at someone in the heat of the moment. You cannot afford to let your defenses down, and don't let gossip or hearsay affect you; get to the heart of the matter yourself and you will discover the truth. Your sign lord, the Sun, is now getting afflicted by Saturn in your wealth sector, which means that you are liable to sudden losses. The only positive period for you next week is between 20th and 22nd, where you can take positive and bold decisions. Your love life is also confusing at the moment and is undergoing some changes. Trust issues need to be resolved.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 20)



Neha Dhupia
You could be required to complete tasks that are normally not your responsibility. Relationships continue to be difficult. Seek advice from an older person whose opinion you value. The focus shall be on finances. A decision may involve more risk than you or a partner consider safe. Also, you may be reluctant to compromise on a joint venture. Intuition may not be reliable in this case. Be careful towards the beginning of next week — what starts as a casual discussion of minor issues can quick-

BIRTHDAY FORECASTS

SEPTEMBER 19: Hard work done in the past few months will give great results. Don't scatter your energies by diverting your attention to new projects.
SEPTEMBER 20: You are likely to meet new people who will offer new opportunities, and such alliances shall be profitable to you.
SEPTEMBER 21: A light and easy year ahead. Those single are likely to get married. Domestic affairs will consume more of your time.
SEPTEMBER 22: Socially, your life will be richer. You know the right people, and that matters. Have faith in the way things are going. You're fine now and you'll be fine even if things change.
SEPTEMBER 23: It's good that you know where you want to go. When you don't know, it doesn't matter — you simply head out, and figure out the rest later.
SEPTEMBER 24: The people, things and situations that are attractive to you are now more enticing than ever. It's fine to do some wandering around in the areas that interest you; just don't wander too far.
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ly lead to an angry airing of deeper problems. It would be best to withdraw from confrontation until the atmosphere settles.

Libra (Sep 21 - Oct 22)



Freida Pinto
Next week, a lover or partner will start to take notice instead of taking umbrage. Focus on what you enjoy most, regardless of whether or not it has a practical application. Some will say that you are irresponsible; others, that you are wasting your time and talents. Ask yourself this: if it all had to end tomorrow, would you spend your last 24 hours in the office? Reserve judgment until you know all the facts. But be careful, don't dig too deeply unless you are prepared to be shocked by what you find. May be the facts have been buried for a reason. Next week's planetary aspects will spark off your sense of adventure. You will seek out people who excite you, and places that are out of the way. In fact, if you have as much fun as your solar chart suggests, you could find yourself getting friendly with some people, who could be from different backgrounds.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)



Aishwarya Rai
Now is a good time to discover new ways to relate to people and consolidate new relationships. You can gain the appreciation you deserve if you give due consideration to others' opinions and promote team efforts. As far as money goes, watch out for impulse buying and check your cash flow. Career opportunities arise that could have a big impact on your success. Any lack of confidence is temporary. Let intuition guide your choices, both personal and when faced with possible career moves. Be cautious when tempted to speak your mind. Keeping the right information confidential is important. You will ultimately be rewarded for your discretion. Romance is in the air, and you may be surprised by your attraction to a stranger. An exciting liaison may be starting, which could lead to a long-term relationship. Avoid any forbidden indulgences, especially if you've been diligently sticking to a diet. Otherwise, you will slip into old habits that might be harder to break the next time around.

Sagittarius

(Nov 22 - Dec 22)



Konkona Sen Sharma
An action-packed week head for you as you shall constantly be on the move to further your professional and commercial interests. Back to a grinding pace at work, you may face looming deadlines. Financial matters could be improving, providing some relief from recent worries. A past investment may start paying off. Negotiations should work to your advantage. Consult with professional advisers regarding long-term investments. Real estate deals can be successful. Choose your allies carefully, watch and wait so you can gauge the trustworthiness of a new friend. Delving into the past, uncovering hidden facts will considerably change your attitude. If a close relationship has been a bit rocky lately, perhaps you have been a bit selfish. There may be issues concerning your health and physical fitness. Confusion could arise if personal and working relationships are mixed.

Capricorn

(Dec 23 - Jan 19)

Deepika Padukone
You are likely to experience an increase in sensitivity to the moods in your environment. Magical work or meditation provides an excellent opportunity for personal growth. You are likely to experience a change in your values. This is a favourable opportunity to focus your energies on material security, fertility, money, personal possessions, values, self-esteem and your personal resources. Personal growth (spiritual or otherwise) through higher education, experience, travel, and cultural influences might be highlighted. Next week is the perfect time to follow your own path and develop your talents to the fullest. Avoid judging others, or yourself, too harshly. Expand your horizons to include wider possibilities for the future. Your conscious mind is more in tune with your subconscious now. You can get in touch with your deepest feelings. Memories or feelings that were suppressed may come to the surface now. Something you say profoundly affects or changes someone else. Something someone says to you deeply affects or changes you. You do some thinking about things, espe-

cially life and death. You plan, discuss or negotiate joint ventures or money.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)



Preity Zinta
Pleasant vibrations suggest cementing new relationships with newcomers in your environment. A change that will be to your benefit is beginning to take place now. It looks as if you need to do everything — in terms of communication — that you could not manage over the last few months. Some of it was not your fault, as people, cruel circumstances and technology seem to have blocked you at every turn. However, you may also have made some obvious mistakes, and it is time to use what you know, and do things differently. Just remember that Mercury, the planet of paperwork, computers, telephones, travel and transport, is getting better for you now, but rather than launch enthusiastically into your brave new world, you may want to wait until the middle of October. This is especially important if you are purchasing a mobile phone or laptop; this cycle is notorious for returns or repairs. For various reasons, you will be fixated on inheritances, insurance matters, shared property, and things that other people own, especially partners or ex-partners. Fortunately, travel opportunities, as well as opportunities in publishing, higher education, the law, medicine, and the media are promising. Nevertheless, wrap up pending issues with shared property or things you hold jointly with others. The 22nd to the 24th are much better for those expecting sanction of loan proposals.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 19)



Jiah Khan
Huge opportunities await you now in terms of studying or higher education, or travelling somewhere, or exploring new avenues in publishing, the media, law and medicine. Whatever occurs will benefit you. You can benefit from the wealth or resources of others. However, you can also take what others give you and see an entirely new use for it. You can make dramatic changes in your life by putting a new spin on how you use the resources available to you. Friendships and partnerships might undergo a major transformation now. This could be because you feel obsessed about some idea. Remember that every partnership is a dance, and you have to step backward to let somebody else come forward. Think of ways with which you can make improvements to your home. Quite likely, they involve getting rid of what you no longer need, to make room for wonderful new things. In discussions about inheritances, debt, taxes, loans and insurance matters, you're willing to do your homework. It's a good time for work involving clear thinking or speaking. You can be more objective in talks with bosses or colleagues.

Getting lucky with charms

'Laughing Buddha' is one of the most popular good luck gifts



The Laughing Buddha is one of the most popular Feng Shui symbols, which is believed to enhance good luck and wealth. Laughing Buddha is also known as Happy Buddha or Matreiya.

This Buddha is regarded as one of the Gods of wealth and keeping this symbol at home is said to bring prosperity, happiness and success. Keeping this figurine at the place of business is said to enhance business and money luck.

It is said that this figurine absorbs negative Chi and emanates positive energies. This is an auspicious symbol and can be seen gracing many homes, temples, restaurants and vehicle dash

boards.

Making for a nice gift, this figurine looks cute with a protruding stomach and jolly smile, carrying along wealth symbols such as pots of gold, large ingots and a sack. There's reason behind his structure, it is said that he stomachs all the troubles and problems and transforms them into happiness. The Laughing Buddha is also considered a patron of the weak, poor and children. The Buddha figurines are available in several materials like metal, terra cotta, resin, crystals etc and are available in different poses each of which carry a different significance.

It is said that good luck symbols

should be gifted and not bought for self-use. The ideal placement of the Buddha figurine is when it can directly face the main door or on a side table or corner table diagonally opposite to the front door. The Chinese believe that it is disrespectful to keep them at ground level. However, many Feng Shui experts' advice is to not keep the Laughing Buddha symbols in the bedroom, bathroom or dining area.

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Are you a mushy couple?

Star sign compatibility could well be your secret love potion, according to astrology. *BT* delves...

Ever wondered how two entirely opposite personalities can make a wonderful couple? There are also times when two perfectly compatible looking people do not gel well as partners in a relationship. According to Astrology, such compatibility factors can arise due to the zodiac signs they belong to.

Different traits and characteristics tend to be displayed by people with different zodiac signs. For example, Capricorns tend to be



TOGETHER: It's important to respect choices in a relationship

Venus: Venus is associated with (romance) love, affection and attraction. The star signs most closely related to it are Libra and Taurus.

Mars: Mars is the planet associated with aggressiveness, courage and passion and is most closely related to Aries. Mars is the masculine (Yang) energy and Venus, the feminine (Yin) energy.

Moon: The Moon is associated with instincts, memory, habits and nurturing behaviour. It's most closely related horoscope sign is Cancer.

Sun: The sun is linked to strength, creative

ambitious and practical while people with the Sagittarius star sign are likable and confident. Some horoscope signs make for loving relationships while other signs can indicate troublesome relationships or even infidelity. The star sign compatibility charts with an astrologer sometimes gives an idea about how signs can be compatible or incompatible.

However, it's not just your horoscope sign that defines your personality traits and characteristics. Each of the planets of the solar system is associated with different zodiac signs and wields influence over star sign compatibility.

It is also important to understand that astrological studies can only indicate how well a relationship can do.

energy and leadership. The horoscope sign associated with it is Leo.

Pluto: Pluto is allied to regeneration, transformation and desire. Pluto is connected with Scorpio.

Mercury: Mercury is associated with the connection of the logical and emotional minds or the personality and the soul. Mercury's star signs are Gemini and Virgo.

Jupiter: Jupiter concerns spontaneity, optimism and enthusiasm. It is connected to Sagittarius.

Neptune: Neptune is the planet that represents compassion, faith and spiritual strength. It is most closely related to Pisces.

Saturn: Saturn is the planet linked to discipline, responsibility and stability. It is associated with Capricorn.

Uranus: Uranus is linked to rebelliousness, originality and independence. It is associated with Aquarius.

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GET BACK TO IT: It's important to resume sexual intimacy within the right span of time after the baby's birth

BABY RUINING YOUR SEX LIFE?

Babies, though cute, could spell a steady decline of the sexual intimacy between a couple. Rachel Fernandes tells you more

Parenthood is said to be the happiest phase of a couple's life. We agree totally. But babies come with their own share of problems which can in turn wreck havoc with quite a few of your set schedules, most importantly your sex routine. As most experts warn, if one doesn't pay enough attention to their partner post the baby's birth (and this applies to both the partners

equally), it could cause them to drift apart from each other resulting in a significantly huge rift in their physical proximity. Babies are hard work — a cart load of additional duties and unending late nights. And though they may bring infinite joy and happiness with their arrival, a baby also heralds the start of a totally new phase in a couple's life, one where routines go for a toss and the schedule

that both of you had perfected so well, is now governed by the sleep time of your little bundle of joy. This often leaves the couple, especially the mother in a constant state of fatigue and tiredness. In this state, the pressure of performing in bed could probably be the last this she wants to add to her list of duties. The first and most important question is how soon can a couple get back to being physically intimate post the baby's birth. "That depends on a couple of factors — the kind of delivery the mother has had, her health post the delivery and whether the gynaecologist has given an okay. Alternatively, a couple can resume physical intimacy, especially sex, as soon as they both feel ready for the act," says Dr Minnu Bhonsle, consulting psychologist and relationship counsellor. According to her, one of the chief reasons why new mothers tend to go lax in the physical intimacy department is because of their pre-occupation with the baby. "They are constantly anxious about the child. As a result, they may not be physically capable of the sexual act simply because they are exhausted. In some cases, the man may also not be ready for physical intimacy either due to the physical changes they see in the woman or probably because they return home tired from work and are overwhelmed with the duties and responsibilities of the baby," she explains.

Actress Tara Sharma, says

with a baby around, but thankfully it wasn't much of an issue for us," Tara says. "Oh yes, the sex life definitely goes for a toss," says actor Sudhanshu Pandey. He adds that once the baby arrives, a couple's focus and attention shifts completely to the baby. "Taking care of a baby is in itself a full time job. All you think about is baby-related stuff, other things seem pretty inconsequential," he says. Talking about the importance of physical intimacy post delivery, Dr Minnu says, "Sex is a way for the woman to feel close and bonded with her man. If this is missing, she may end up feeling lonely and abandoned. To add to this, she will also end up feeling overwhelmed with the task of motherhood." Dr Minnu warns that if a couple does not get back to the sexual act within the right span of time, it will start getting awkward. "The couple may need to have an ice-breaking session where intimacy is concerned. And if they keep ignoring it, it

may even reach a stage where they never gets back to having sex. And that's not a good thing," she adds. It's important to remember that besides being parents, you are also a couple. One should not sacrifice couplehood at the alter of parenthood, they both need to co-exist. Why? "Because a child needs two loving parents. The child has to see the parents connected and it's intimacy that keeps a couple bonded," says Dr Minnu. According to her, a couple needs to retain their togetherness, they need to continue to date like lovers, even if it means letting parenting take a backseat for brief periods of time. Sudhanshu concludes saying, "It's important for both partners to be equally hands-on parents and distribute the work load. As for the physical intimacy, it has to be initiated. We have to remember that besides being parents we are also husband and wife and have our own physical needs which have to be taken care of."

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Accept it, acknowledge it: You'll be not the only parents in the world who have limited time for sex so don't worry. Remember, both of you have to be ready for physical intimacy, only then will it be satisfying. **Set aside time for yourselves:** It's very convenient to get so involved with the baby that you forget your partner. Remember, sex is an important part of being a couple so no matter what, do not ignore it. If you can't seem to find time for yourselves, make a schedule for it. **Have realistic expectations:** Take whatever opportunities you get to be physically intimate with your partner. Don't wait for an auspicious time, it may

never come. If you and your spouse only have the time and energy for heavy petting and pillow talk, indulge in it and enjoy it, it will help you bond better. **'Sex'ing helps:** When you are away from your partner, send him/her sexy, teasing messages. Put a tempting note in a surprising place. It will go a long way in setting the mood for a pleasurable time. **Enjoy the baby:** Childhood really does go by so fast. Hence, make the effort to enjoy your child's babyhood. Accept the fact that sexual intimacy with your partner will occupy less of your attention, at least while your baby is young.

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It's raining happiness for Misti



But if you think that was enough than hold on. Apparently the actress seems to have gotten chummy with industry's bad boy a la the superstar Salman Khan. A little birdie told us that Salman also went to Bangalore to visit her Charishma spa centre put there.

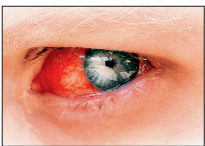
Confirming the reports Misti says, "The friendship was bound to happen as I have become an active part of Salman's charitable organization Being Human. Salman is a gem of a person and I really cherish his friendship." Talk of the happy days and Misti excitedly says, "Finally luck's in my favour and things are falling in place. First the award, then the completion of my debut Hindi film The Lucky 13th and now the music launch of my south film Thambi Oorukku Pudhusu, everything's been very good."

Buxom babe Misti Mukherjee seems to have all the reasons to be on cloud nine. The actress recently was conferred with the NBC All-Rounder Award by deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Chagan Bhujbal for not just being a budding actor but also a well established entrepreneur. The actress who's spreading her business tentacles across the country by opening many spa centres of Charishma Spa in various states and is also completing many film projects finally is seeing the fruition of her long envisioned dreams.

Way to go girl!
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Why conjunctivitis shouldn't be taken lightly

As the number of conjunctivitis cases is on the rise, simple precautions can keep your eyes safe



Dr Keiki R Mehta

The last two weeks have witnessed an increase in the number of conjunctivitis cases in Mumbai. The first case of conjunctivitis in Mumbai was reported a month back. Conjunctivitis cases are reported during the rainy season every year, but this year, the occurrence is manifold.

Causes for the outbreak

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bleeding & Urinary leak.

She underwent Total Laparoscopic removal of uterus with fibroids with Enseal vessel sealing device & harmonic scalpel, glue applied on small button holes on abdomen. New Adjustable tape for urine leak was fixed from below with no scars. She had 2 days hospital stay, back home with quick recovery,no pain, no scars, no food restrictions, bath, walk etc. Incidentally Mr. Pankaj had peace for stimulating Leena to meet the right doctor. Mrs. Manju Jain, 61 year old lady disturbed by frequency of passing urine day & night & before reaching the bathroom she starts passing urine This is known as urge Incontinence, needs no surgery,corrected by tablet only. Today comfortably she can watch 3 hours movie without searching the loo. Elaborating on Female Urinary leak, Dr. Trivedi, the unquestionable master in India said 16 million women have urinary leak, 6 million have frequency, urgency & leak urine before reaching the toilet, they can't resist but start urinating . This is corrected by tablets & needs no surgery & remaining 10 million may need surgery. The new sling tape is the best,done in hundreds of cases. His original TSUIT then TrOT tape got National Award of Senior Scientist.



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Dr. Trivedi's New adjustable tape & needle itself are not costly, by addition of only 2 threads there is no difference in cost, but it can prevent failures or redo surgery to cut the tight sling tape Internationally this is a big breakthrough benefiting millions of women around the world having urinary leak corrected at an affordable price.

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100% Malaria Detection in 1 Minute.....! by the QBC™ Quick Blood Test.



What is the QBC Test.?
QBC stands for "Quantitative Buffy Coat" analysis. This test involves visualization of the '3' constituent layers of blood, formed when blood is spun at high speeds within micro capillary glass tubes. The '3' constituent layers are:- The uppermost "Plasma Layer"; The middle layer made up of White Blood Cells(WBCs)& platelets, the so called "Buffy Coat"& the lower most Red Blood Cell(RBCs) termed as the "Packed Red Cell layer".

How does QBC Work.?
A fixed amount of blood is taken into microcapillary glass tubes[7cm long with internal diameter of 2 mm]. These tubes are internally precoated with fluorescent chemical "Acridine Orange", which stains the parasites if present in blood. These are then spun at high speeds of 12,500 revs/min in a microcentrifuge for 5 mins. The tubes are then mounted under a

Fluorescent microscope for parasite detection.

Instant parasite detection in 1 minute!!!!

Malarial parasites infect only RBCs. Following high speed spinning, the infected RBCs get concentrated exactly at the "Buffy Coat- Packed Red Cell Junction". Since parasites in blood are already stained before spinning, these are detected instantly because they exhibit fluorescence when under the microscope . In frankly positive cases "diagnosis is achieved within 1 min!!!!", The entire testing, from collection of blood to reporting can be achieved within 15 min. Accuracy rates are nearly 100%.

How is QBC superior to current methods.?

Scientific studies comparing "Parasite detection limits" of QBC, with the traditional "Blood Smears" & the newer " Antigen Strip test", have shown that while both smears and antigen test, are capable of detecting parasites in moderate to heavy infections (numerically expressed as more than 500-1000 parasites/ microlitre) They may fail to detect parasites in very early or mild infections (i.e., at levels of less than 100-200 parasites/ microliter.) On the other hand, QBC is able to achieve "Unparalleled detection limits down to levels of 4-11 parasites/microlitre!!!!". Which corresponds to infection with few to occasional parasites.



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"The Bottom Line"

QBC is "50 times" more accurate than blood smears & "25 times" more accurate than antigen tests. It has proved " Life saving" in early malaria detection, where smears & antigen test are usually negative. The advanced QBC technology & near 100% parasite detection capacity, makes it the most accurate & fastest blood test in malaria diagnosis today. This test is exclusively available at:

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Artificial Cornea for Vision

At Shekhar Eye Research in Mulund, patients with corneal blindness get their Vision back with ChawanMaskatiPintucci (CMP)Keratoprosthesis that is used for people who are comoreally blind in both eyes. Cosmetically it does not look appealing but it does give workable vision for patients who other wise have no option. Especially people with acid injuries, Stevens Johnsons' Syndrome, pemphigoid, bone dry eyes, total corneal opacities etc. Another type of artificial cornea available at SER is Boston Keratoprosthesis that is used for people with normal ocular surface but with multiple failed corneal grafts, this can be used for single blind eye as well and is cosmetically appealing. Synthetic cornea is under trial at SER to replace the need for primary human corneal tissue. This synthetic cornea can give normal Vision as well as normal field of Vision - it is used just like normal cornea and surgical

technique will be as simple as regular grafting. At SER patients with compromised Ocular surface get treated with Stem Cell transplants, amniotic membrane and Chandra Boston Scleral Lenses by Dr Quresh Maskati, Dr Harish Pathak along with Chandrashekhar Chawan, Sameer Ganu & Ketki Gohil- research team of SER. Dr Chawan says that "no Keratoconic patients will ever need corneal transplant surgery if treated at Shekhar Eye Research at an early stage when corneas are still clear and have not developed any opacities". Chandrashekhar Chawan who came back from Boston is making it happen in Mumbai.

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EVLT II THE SECOND GENERATION TREATMENT FOR VARICOSE VEINS AND VENOUS ULCERS.

Varicose veins are unsightly dilated veins on legs. They cause heaviness of legs and blackening of ankle area. Conventional surgery is totally outdated in today's management. It causes pain, bleeding scarring and unacceptable recurrence.

EVLT I (Endovenous Laser Treatment) of Varicose veins was introduced in 1980's and is still practiced in many hospitals in Mumbai. It has a drawback of using laser partly. It also uses painful sclerotherapy sessions and minor surgeries for small veins. The result in many cases is not good cosmetically. There is also minimal relief of heaviness of legs which is a main complaint of patients. The recurrence rate is therefore unacceptably high.

EVLT II or 2nd Generation Laser Treatment introduced in Mumbai for the 1st time , is a pure Laser treatment and has no scars and no sclerotherapy. It relieves patient's heaviness in 24 hrs and all sizes of veins can be handled. Most veins disappear in 7 days. Therefore it has had no recurrences in last 4 years. Cosmetically it is totally acceptable as no scars are visible. It can be performed as a Day Care procedure.



PRE EVLT II POST EVLT II

Venous Ulcers
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Q. How grave is the arthritis problem in India?

Arthritis is the number one problem in India. While coronary heart disease used to be the prime disease, Arthritis seems to have taken over now. Around 14 % of the India population suffers from some form of arthritis or the other.

Q. What steps can one take to avoid becoming an arthritis patient?

There are no steps to prevent the advent of arthritis. With the disease now assuming the epidemic status, the World Health Organization has declared the current decades as a bone & joint care decade. It is only through regular exercise that people can keep their bones flexible.

Q. Which age group of the people does arthritides generally affect?

People above 60 years of age used to come complaining about arthritides. However it has started affecting people in 45-55 age group too. Sports injuries at young age also cause ailments like condromalacia resulting in athletes opting for QMR treatment.

Q. What exactly is QMR treatment & how safe is it?

Earlier arthritis used to be treated with dietary modification & exercise, as there was no treatment that could reverse the disease process. Later, knee replacement surgery came in & many people took to it as the last resort. The treatment is done by using trademark QMR therapy. The treatment is non-invasive, safe & scientifically proven.

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DID YOU KNOW

Corsets can give an illusion of an hourglass figure

A corset is a garment that girds the torso and shapes it according to the fashionable silhouette of the day. The fashion runways are often abuzz with models wearing corsets that are used for cinching the waist and supporting the breasts.

A European feature, corsets were worn by women, which looked tight and gave an illusion of enhanced assets. It was believed that a corset would make a woman look slim by at least an inch or two at the waistline.

In fact, like today, in order to achieve the hourglass figure, many women take to adding volume to their bustlines to increase the ratio of bust to waist. Also, the full skirts, crinolines and bustles of the 19th century added to the width of the hips to make the waist appear slimmer.

You may have heard of the 'health' corset, which is a straight-front corset or the Edwardian corset. It was also known as the swan-bill corset due to its S-bend. And it was worn during the



STRUT IT: Model Himangi Parte wears a corset gown

The Tip

Never stuff too many things in your clutch

- Clutch bags are every woman's style option. But getting the right clutch bag is just as important as holding it correctly. Here's how you can go about selecting your clutch.
- Sure, there are so many labels and brands to choose from but get wise and select only what you require. If you want to keep it simple then go for colours that will suit most outfits. Blacks, animal prints and silver hues are a good choice.
- Holding the clutch properly is important too. So, pay attention to the way you are keeping it in your hands. The ideal way (as in the picture) is to hold it at the bottom.
- Embellished clutches also look good. But they are best during the evenings. Morning clutches should be simple in looks ideally.
- Size of the clutch is important too. Over-sized clutch bags look neat but some women may find it cumbersome to handle it well. Medium and small clutches are the most user-friendly options.
- Lastly, do not stuff your purse with too many things. Keep it light and simple.

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Mansi Scott holds a clutch

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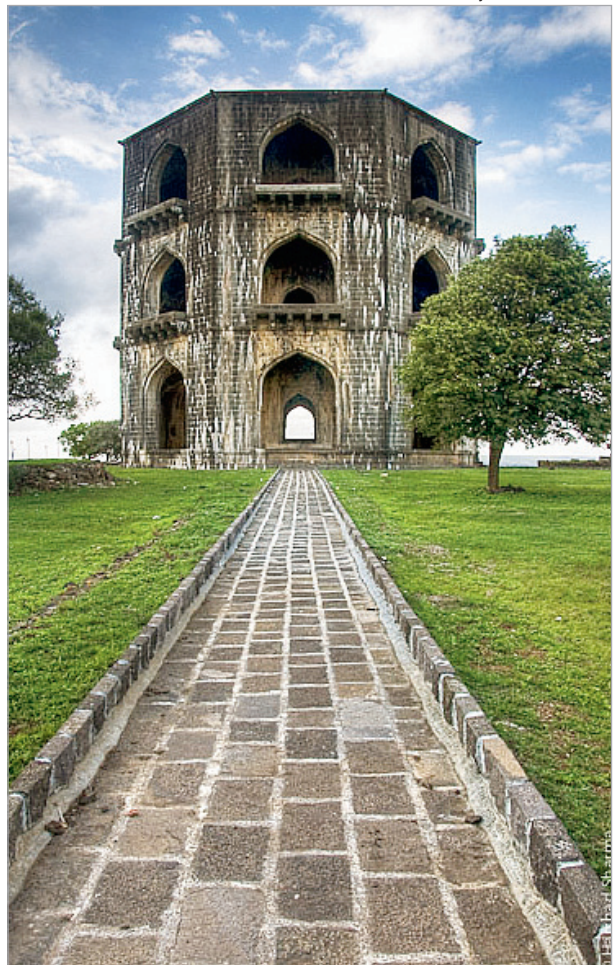


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BACK IN TIME: Salabat Khan Tomb

Legendary tales lie in Ahmednagar

This town capital of Maharashtra's largest district has 500 years of heritage to it. *BT* takes you around

Ahmednagar is not just another town. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was confined at the Ahmednagar Fort during the freedom struggle, penned the epic *Discovery of India* here. And it was on the ramparts of the same fort where the tricolor was unfurled on August 15, 1947 at 8 am. With a rich history and heritage, this capital of Maharashtra's largest district by the same name continues to be a town of prominence. *BT* takes you around.

Royalty reminisces

SALABAT KHAN TOMB: This three-storey Nizam Shahi edifice rise to nearly 75 feet, where Salabhat Khan II, an important minister in Nizam's court, rests in peace with his first wife. Perched



PAST PERFECT: Faria Bagh is now in ruins

on the Shah Dongar hill, this octagonal dome has broad arched openings on the upper two floors with projecting balconies on floral stone brackets.

AHMEDNAGAR FORT: Once known as the second-most impregnable fort (the

first one being the Gwalior Fort), it was built by Ahmed Nizam Shah. History chronicle show Chand Bibi, a regent of the Shahi dynasty, just like Joan of Arc, successfully defended the fort from the Mughals many a times. The circular shaped fort has 18m high walls sup-

ported by 22 bastions. During the days of Quit India movement, the fort was turned into a royal prison.

FARIA BAGH: Octagonal in design, once majestic palace, its ruins rise up two floors with a domical roof over the central hall. In the interiors, watch out for an intriguing play of light and shadow that's mesmerising. There was a shallow water body for the members of the royal family as well.

DAMDJI MASJID: In a marked contrast to the unadorned style of Nizam



STORIES TO TELL: Ahmednagar Fort was turned into a prison during the Quit India Movement



STANDING TALL: Damdi Masjid has some intricate stone carvings

Shah buildings, standing amidst now-neglected surroundings close to the Ahmednagar Cantt, is the Damdi Masjid. Built in 1568, in the exemplary Deccan style with intricate stone carvings, this single storied structure has an impressive façade of three arches supported on carved piers. The odd sounding name comes from damdis, the then currency of the smallest denomination that was contributed by people building this mosque.

Tank museum:

The Cavalry museum under the Armoured Corps of Ahmednagar is one of its kinds in Asia. Inaugurated in 1994, the open air museum displays Indian Military equipments used during the various wars, and also flaunts the Patton and Chaffee tanks captured during the 1965 war with Pakistan. One of the earliest tanks used in WWI, the British Mark I, nicknamed the Big Willie, and the armoured car, Schemerer Panzerspah, complete with a Nazi Swastika are among the notable displays. There is an impressive exhibit of other armoured mammoths like the Canadian Fox, the British A-9, the Soviet T-54 and a Rolls Royce.

Green wave

REHEKURI BLACKBUCK SANCTUARY: About 50 kms from Ahmednagar, off the Sholapur highway, is the deciduous forest spread over two square kilometres, known as Rehekuri Blackbuck sanctuary. A modest initiative in the 1980's by the forest department to conserve the endangered blackbuck has bore positive results. The sanctuary is now home to about 2,000 blackbucks, locally known as Kalvit. The forest rest house (rarely available) and some pitiful lodges are the only accommodations. So it's best to visit the sanctuary during the daytime. And do not mistake the stray black goat (which can also be commonly traced) with the blackbuck. Walking inside the sanctuary is a better option since these animals get

scared of vehicle noises.

MORACHI CHINCHOLI:

Take the road to Shirur about 60 kms from Ahmednagar, and then drive on to Morachi Chincholi — home to more than a thousand peacocks in their natural habitat. The villagers are protective and possessive about these feathered creatures, whom they regard as a local deity. Try the fiery *misal pav* along the highway.

Compiled by Tanya Datta

ENTERTAINMENT

ARBAAZ KHAN'S DABANGG

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Wada: 9.30, 10.00, 11.00 am, 12.00, 12.45, 1.45, 2.45, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 pm | Sangam - Andheri: 9.30, 10.15, 11.00 am, 12.00, 12.45, 1.30, 2.45, 3.30, 4.15, 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 8.15, 9.00, 9.45, 11.00 & 11.45 pm | Movie Star - Goregaon: 10.15, 11.00, 11.45 am, 1.00, 1.45, 2.30, 3.45, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.15, 8.00, 8.30, 9.15, 10.00, 10.45 & 11.15 pm | Kanjurmarg: 10.15, 11.00, 11.45 am, 1.00, 1.45, 2.30, 3.45, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.15, 8.00, 9.15, 10.00 & 10.45 pm | Ghatkopar: 10.15, 11.00, 11.45 am, 12.15, 12.45, 1.15, 12.45, 1.45, 2.15, 2.30, 3.00, 3.45, 4.30, 5.00, 5.15, 5.45, 6.30, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.00, 8.30, 9.15, 9.45, 10.00, 10.30, 10.45 & 11.15 pm | Malad: 10.15, 11.00, 11.45 am, 1.00, 1.45, 2.30, 3.45, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.15, 8.00, 9.15, 10.00 & 10.45 pm | Ulhasnagar: 10.00, 11.15 am, 12.30, 1.45, 3.00, 5.30, 7.00, 8.00, 9.30 & 10.30 pm | Vashi: 9.30, 10.15, 11.00, 11.45 am, 1.00, 1.15, 1.45, 2.30, 3.45, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.15, 8.00, 9.15, 10.30 & 11.15 pm | Kharghar: 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 am, 12.45, 1.30, 2.15, 3.30, 4.15, 5.00, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45, 8.30, 9.00, 9.45, 10.30 & 11.15 pm.

Andheri: 10.00, 11.00 am, 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.20 & 11.00 pm | Chembur: 10.00, 11.00 am, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00 & 11.00 pm.

Starcity - Malunga: 10.30, 12.45, 3.00, 5.20, 7.40 & 10.00 pm | Bandra: 10.30 am, 12.45, 3.00, 5.30, 8.00 & 10.30 pm | Goregaon: 10.00, 10.30, 11.15, 11.45, 12.30, 1.00, 1.45, 2.15, 3.00, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.30, 6.00, 6.45, 7.15, 8.00, 8.30, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15 & 10.45 pm | Malad: 10.00, 11.00, 1.20, 3.00, 3.40, 5.15, 6.00, 7.30, 8.20, 10.00, 10.45 | Mevgen - Dahisar: 10.15, 12.30, 3.00, 5.20, 7.40 & 10.00 pm.

Annex Mall - Borivali - East: 10.00, 10.45, 11.15 am, 12.30, 1.15, 1.45, 3.00, 3.45, 4.15, 5.30, 6.15, 6.45, 8.00, 8.45, 9.15, 10.30 & 11.15 pm | Dreams The Mall - Bandrup: 9.30, 10.00, 10.45, 11.15 am, 12.30, 12.30, 1.15, 1.45, 2.30, 3.00, 3.45, 4.15, 5.00, 5.30, 6.15, 6.45, 7.30, 8.00, 8.45, 9.15, 10.00, 10.30 & 11.15 pm | Vashi: 10.00, 10.30, 1.15, 3.00, 4.15, 5.00, 6.15, 7.15, 8.00 & 10.15 pm.

24Karat: Jogeshwari: 11.55, 1.00, 2.15, 3.00, 4.45, 5.30, 6.00, 7.15, 8.00, 8.30, 9.45, 10.30, 11.00. | PREMIERE GOLD - Sandhurst Road: 11.15, 1.30, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45, 11.00.

MAXUS CINEMAS: Andheri: 10.30, 11.00 am, 12.00, 1.15, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00, 4.00, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 10.15, 10.30 & 11.00 pm | Bhayander: 10.00, 10.30, 11.15 am, 12.30, 1.45, 2.00, 3.00, 4.15, 5.00, 5.30, 6.45, 8.00, 8.30, 9.15, 10.30 & 11.00 pm | Kharghar: 11.00, 12.30, 2.00, 3.30, 5.00, 6.30, 8.00, 9.30, 10.30. | JEEPA (Delele Road: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | AURORA (Malunga: 7.00 & 9.30 pm). | SUN CITY (Pur: 9.45, 10.45 am, 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30, 10.45 pm). | CHANDAN (Juhu: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | PINKY (Andheri: 10.00, 12.45, 3.45, 6.45 & 9.45 pm). | KASTURBA (Malad: 12.15, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15). | SONA GOLD (Borivali (E): 12.30, 5.30, 8.00, 10.30 pm). | JAYA (Borivali: 3.00, 6.00 & 9.00 pm). | DIAMOND (Borivali: 12.00 Noon). | KALPANA (Kurla: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | SHREYAS (Ghatkopar: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | HANSEN (Bhandwadi: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | HANAN (Bhandwadi: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | JAYAN (Kalyan: 12.15, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15). | ASHOK ANIL (Ulhasnagar: 12.00 am, 12.15, 12.45, 2.15, 3.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 6.45, 7.45, 9.30, 10.00 & 10.30 pm). | MAX MOVIE (Vikhrol: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | SAZA (Bhandup: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm). | JAI GANESH - MEHUL (Mun: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | MAHAAN (Thane: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | VANDANA (Thane: 12.15, 3.15, 6.15 & 9.30). | ALISHAN (Mumbai: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | TILAK (Domivalvi: 10.15, 12.00, 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.30, 7.30, 9.30 & 10.00). | GOPI (Domivalvi: 12.30, 3.00, 7.00, 9.45). | MADHURAN (Domivalvi: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | NEERAGAN (Vashi: 10.30, 12.15, 3.15, 6.00, 6.30, 8.00, 9.30, 10.30). | BHAVANI GOLD (Kalyan: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | JOKER (Kalyan: 12.15, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15). | ASHOK ANIL (Ulhasnagar: 12.00 am, 12.15, 12.45, 2.15, 3.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 6.45, 7.45, 9.30, 10.00 & 10.30 pm). | SAPNA (Ghatkopar: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30). | RASAA (Mira Road: 10.00, 12.30, 3.30, 5.00, 7.00, 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 pm). | PARVATI (Vashi: 10.00, 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm). | K.T.VISION (Vashi: 10.15, 11.00, 11.15, 12.15, 12.45, 1.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.00, 6.45, 7.30, 9.30, 10.45, 10.30). | FUN FIESTA (Nalasopara: 12.30, 3.00, 4.15, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00 pm). | WOODLAND (Veer: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00 pm). | RUPALI NAGIC (Parel: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | CINEMA (Parel: 11.45, 3.00, 6.00, 9.15 pm). | ANANDHAR (Chembur: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00, 9.30, 10.30). | Puma: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00 pm). | GOLD (Palghar: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm). | PARKASH (Palghar: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00 pm). | K.T. MULTIVISION - CHITRALAYA (Botar: 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm). | CHANDRA (Dahisar Road: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | FUN SQUARE (Sampada: 12.00, 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm). | APNA CINEMA (Khandeshwar: 12.00, 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30, 10.00 & 10.30 pm). | MOHISHWARI (Pen: 12.00, 12.45, 3.45, 6.00, 6.45, 9.00, 9.45 pm). | VISHU (Bhadrap: 11.45, 3.00, 6.30, 9.30). | ANANDHAR (Vashi: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00, 9.30, 10.30). | ASHOK ANIL (Kurla: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00, 9.30). | SAI (Nagthane: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | GANDHI (Mahad: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00). | DREAM (Talsari: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00) and other cinemas.

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WINNING STREAK: Sushil Kumar

'Pressure? Not at all!'

...says wrestling champ Sushil Kumar after his splendid win at the World Wrestling Championship in Mosco

It was an emotional moment for Sushil Kumar when he heard the national anthem playing at the World Wrestling Championship in Moscow. "I had tears in my eyes as the whole world saluted my country's national anthem and felt pride that I had done my country proud," Kumar says it was a moment that he wants to relive again and again if God gives him the opportunity.

Relating his experience in Moscow, Sushil mentioned how happy he felt when he saw a Russian fan wearing a turban and wholeheartedly supporting Indian players in the championships. Sushil became the first Indian wrestler to win gold at a senior world championship after outclassing

Alan Gogaev of Russia, 3-1 in straight rounds in the final of the 66 kg freestyle category at Moscow. "I had been training for it since a year. Before the CWG, this was my only aim. I had made up my mind that it would be tough fighting the heavyweight Russian wrestlers but if I can dream it, I can definitely achieve it." Sushil who injured himself and is seen with heavy swelling under the eyes says, "The injury is bad but it is nothing in comparison to the win."

As he received a heroic welcome, Sushil feels extremely elated that he was given so much respect and love. So does he feel under tremendous pressure now to win gold at the CWG? "I was never under pressure when I won the Olympic bronze

medal, or the Moscow win so there's no question of being under pressure for the CWG." Recently senior cricketer Virender Sehwag commented on his critics and how they put sports-people under pressure. Sushil reacts to this as he says, "Virender *paaji* personally called me to congratulate me. I think all public personalities are always under scrutiny. *Logon ka kaam hai kehna aur hamara kaam hai karm karna, lagan se apni koshish karna.*"

On the recent controversy that led to a lot of news reports about MS Gill treating the coaches of our country with disrespect, Sushil says “I have been trying to tell the ministers and higher officials that it is only because of the coaches that we stand here. Satpalji has

been my mentor, my *guru* and I was deeply hurt when MS Gill asked him to step aside due to the crowd. Maybe he was getting disturbed by the overcrowded scene.”

Having said that, Sushil is hoping that all the negativity associated with CWG should now become a thing of the past and people should come forward and welcome the games with an open heart. "Look at the stadium and training grounds for the CWG. *Itni achi training grounds banayi hai ke thakan nahi hogi.*"

For now, Sushil is training hard at the CWG training camp in Haryana. "At the end of the day, we will be only portraying a bigger and heroic picture to the world. The CWG is a terrific opportunity to showcase India as a great power in the sports area," he says as he signs off.

Tanvi Trivedi

Off-track bonding

Despite being robbed in Italy, F1 driver Karun Chandhok has reason to smile, he tells *BT*

Chennai-based F1 driver Karun Chandhok had something of a rough weekend in Milan, where he is for the Italian Grand Prix. His car was broken into and several valuables including cash, a hard drive and his laptop were stolen. Karun, who's not very hopeful that the goods stolen in Italy will be retrieved, has appealed that they be returned to him. However, he's relieved that his passport and credit cards weren't stolen. "It's going to be a rough week, but I'm going to make the most of my time here and not get bogged down by this," he said.

But what has made his visit to Italy memorable is some good old bonhomie off the track. Fellow driver Jarno Trulli, who had taken out Karun at the Monaco Grand Prix earlier this year, decided to make it up to Karun and gifted him a case of his best wine. And considering that Karun's car was just broken into, he probably needed this sort of pick-me-up.

During the Monaco Grand Prix, Karun and Jarno had an accident on the track that left Jarno's car on top of Karun's with only the roll-hoop protecting the Indian's head. Taking a corner, the pair's wheels banged, causing them to crash. Although Jarno had admitted to the mistake and apologised, he didn't have the right opportunity to make it up to Karun.

After receiving Jarno's gift, Karun was touched. "The crash with Jarno was a close shave in Monte Carlo, and was a strong race for me. It was also the highest placed finish till date for my team. I had jumped Lucas Di Grassi and Jarno during the pitstop and was catching up with Bruno Senna. It left me frustrated, but he apologised for the incident and I told him he owed me. As promised, Jarno delivered me a case of his finest wine from his vineyard in Italy. It shows what a great guy he is and how friendships are shared beyond the competition on track," he said.



MALE BONDING: Karun Chandhok

Marcus A Clay

INDIA CALLING

Lots planned for Prince Charles and Camilla when they'll be here for the Commonwealth Games

There's lots happening in the Pink City. The government is planning to promote Rajasthan as a destination for visitors who come to India during the Commonwealth Games. On their priority list are Prince Charles and his wife Camilla Parker Bowles. "They will be in Rajasthan for two days, and their visit is confirmed," informs a highly-placed source, adding, "They are coming in the first week of October, and will be staying at the Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur." The rest of the information, as to the royal couple's itinerary, what they will be doing while here, etc, is being kept under wraps



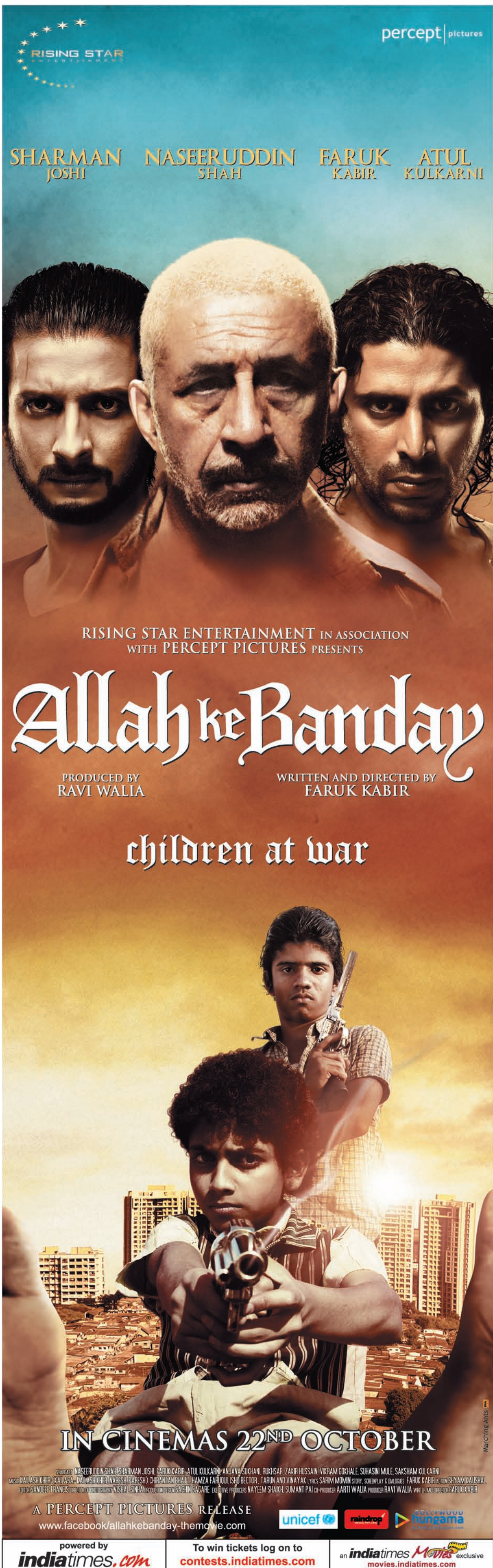
TIGHT SCHEDULE:
Camilla Parker
Bowles and Prince
Charles

at the moment.

And there's more being planned for the large number of visitors who may be making a trip to Rajasthan. "The idea is to promote the rich heritage and culture of the state," says a source, adding, "Everything will be done the traditional way."

Even the fashion show will celebrate the state. And so, the three-day event being planned out won't be inside a five-star hotel, but, in the imperial fort of Amber Palace. The magnificent Ganesh Pole will be the backdrop for the show. "And we are planning to take fashion to the next level with this event."

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Sreeram Chandra, who won *Indian Idol 5*, is back with the top ten contestants in Sony Entertainment Television's *Desh Ki Awaaz* concert. Sreeram, Bhoomi Trivedi and Rakesh Maini along with rest of seven finalists entertained the audience with their scintillating performances. They were supported by the music maestros Bappi Lahiri, Sonu Nigam and Mika Singh, who crooned many chartbusters. To add a glamorous touch to the evening, Kashmera Shah, Rashmi Desai and Ragini Khanna set the stage on fire as they performed on popular Bollywood numbers. But that was not all! Apart from all the *naach-gaana*, the evening also provided a healthy dose of humour and laughter. Krishna and Sudhesh with their musical comedy act had everyone in splits. The event was hosted by Meiyang Chang and Saumya Tandon. Watch the concert tonight on Sony Entertainment Television at 8.



ON A HIGH NOTE: *Indian Idol 5* contestants with Bappi Lahiri

Marathi *manoos* is now Guju *bhai*!

Swapnil Joshi may be a Maharashtrian, but most of his viewers think he is Gujarati because of his convincing portrayal of Vinaychand in *Papad Pol Shahbuddin Rathod Ki Rangeen Duniya* on SAB TV (Monday to Thursday at 8 pm). Swapnil celebrates the Ganesha festival every year with his family and friends. This year when the entire cast of the show accompanied Swapnil for Ganesha Visarjan, they witnessed an interesting incident that had them in splits. It so happened that one of Swapnil's fans was so convinced that he is Gujarati that he kept asking him questions on how he followed Marathi so well. Since then his co-actors have named him Swapnil Guju Bhai Joshi. Says Swapnil, "We also made a fun song in Gujarati which goes like this... *Garam jalebi, phaphda, ganpati bappa aapda*, which has been dedicated to all Guju fans of Lord Ganesha." Tune in to *Papad Pol Shahbuddin Rathod Ki Rangeen Duniya* every Monday-Thursday at 8 pm on SAB TV.



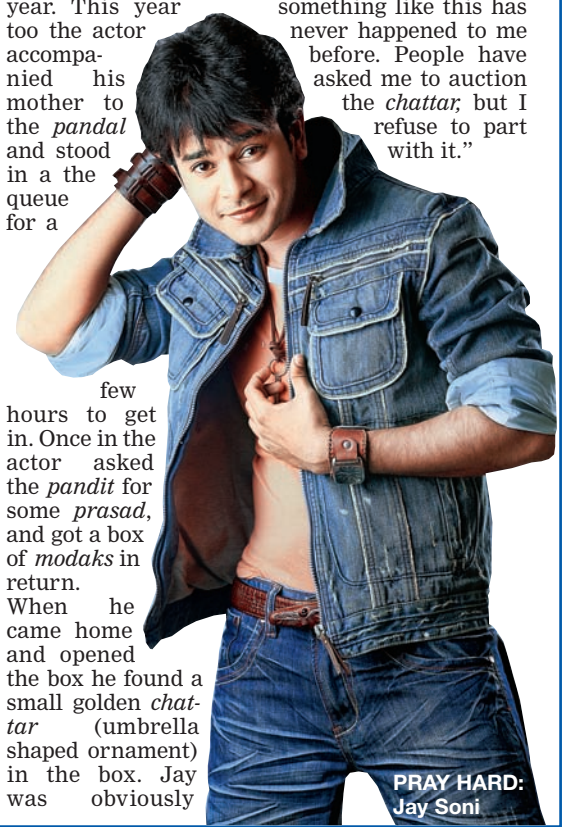
NAME GAME: Swapnil Joshi

Lord Ganesha's gift for Jay

Jay Soni is a devout Ganesha *bhakt* and the actor has been making a trip to Lalbaug during Ganesh Utsav every year. This year too the actor accompanied his mother to the *pandal* and stood in a the queue for a

very excited. "I look at this as a form of blessing that I've got from *Lalbaugcha Raja*. I have been going there for so many years now. But something like this has never happened to me before. People have asked me to auction the *chattar*, but I refuse to part with it."

few hours to get in. Once in the actor asked the *pandit* for some *prasad*, and got a box of *modaks* in return. When he came home and opened the box he found a small golden *chattar* (umbrella shaped ornament) in the box. Jay was obviously



PRAY HARD: Jay Soni

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS:
Kelly Preston

Zac's beard bothers Vanessa when they kiss

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HAIRY TALES:
Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens

Vanessa Hudgens finds Charlie St. Cloud actor Zac Efron's beard too itchy when they kiss. When asked about his beard at the premiere of his latest movie in London's Leicester Square recently, Zac said: "Well Vanessa finds it very itchy when I kiss her." Modest Zac, 22, also admitted he doesn't feel his facial fuzz quite matches up to that grown by *Twilight* heartthrob Robert Pattinson, who recently cultivated a more rugged look ahead of taking a road trip across the US.

Caine has a mafia encounter

Michael Caine had a brush with the Russian mafia while filming in the country in the 1990s. In his new autobiography, *The Elephant To Hollywood*, Caine writes, "I was sitting in my usual corner of the cafe... when one of the mafia guys came over and asked if he could join me. As if I could possibly say no. 'Why do you have all these stupid bodyguards?' he asked. I replied to him all innocently, as if I had no idea of his occupation. He let out a great laugh and slapped his thigh. 'You work for...' and he gave the name of a Russian movie company that I didn't quite catch. Did I? He stood up and said, 'We own that. There's no need to worry — you're the safest man in the whole of St Petersburg.'"

Kelly Preston has an easy pregnancy

The 47-year-old actress — who is due to give birth to her third child with husband John Travolta later this year — is amazed and delighted at how smoothly the last few months have gone. She said: "It's been very easy and so wonderful. I've had no morning sickness and the pregnancy has gone by so quickly. I feel terrific." The *Last Song* actress — whose 16-year-old son Jett died in January 2009 after suffering a seizure — is so excited about meeting her baby, she is counting down the days until she gives birth. She added to a magazine: "John and I are completely ready. My daughter is very excited too. I can't wait for the day to come." Kelly — who also has a 10-year-old daughter Ella Bleu with the *Pulp Fiction* actor — has previously confirmed she is expecting a boy. *Saturday Night Fever* star John recently revealed his wife's pregnancy came after years of trying to conceive again, describing the moment they found out she was expecting as "a miracle".

Mel B sued for \$500,000

A media development and distribution company claims to have made a deal in 2008 to invest \$500,000 into former Spice Girl Mel B's upcoming projects, after she assured them she had a multitude of concerts lined up in support of an album she had ready to release, only for her to then take on a role in Las Vegas production *Peep Show* instead. The company are suing for \$500,000 plus interest, and are also seeking a 12.5 per cent share in profits made by Mel B for her work in *Peep Show* and from sales of her *Totally Fit: Mel B* exercise DVD.

STILL SINGLE:
Rachel Bilson
and (inset)
Chance
Crawford

Rachel Bilson not dating Chance Crawford

A spokesperson for Rachel Bilson has dismissed reports the actress is dating *Gossip Girl* star Chance Crawford, insisting they're just friends. The long-time pals sparked romance rumours when they were spotted getting cosy during a group dinner in New York City on Friday — but her representative has brushed off the claims. Her representative told an American magazine, "She's friends with his manager and has known Chance for a while. The dinner was with a bunch of people, and it was simply a friendly dinner."

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Not just work!

Ajay Devgn and Akshaye Khanna find time to chill out between shooting for intense scenes

Though Big Screen Entertainer's *Aakrosh* is based on the serious issue of honour killings, the atmosphere on the sets was quite relaxed. Between



Ajay Devgn gets busy with his phone, while Akshaye Khanna looks on



Priyadarshan explains a shot to Amita Pathak



Kumar Mangat Pathak visits the sets



Priyadarshan and Ajay discuss a scene



Sameera Reddy practices her dance moves



BIRTHDAY BABE: Eesha Koppikhar

Eesha's spiritual birthday plans

Not many know that **Eesha Koppikhar** is deeply spiritual and visits several religious places on her birthday. She religiously visits Siddhivinayak every year to offer her prayers to Lord Ganesha. The actress, who celebrates her birthday today, plans to do the same this year too. However, her trip to the temple becomes more special this year because she will have hubby Timmy Narang for company. With an auspicious start to the day, Eesha is hoping to have a good year ahead. A source close to Eesha says, "When Eesha told Timmy about the plan, he readily agreed to give her company much to the joy of the actress who for all these years have been doing it herself and sometimes with her family members." Does that mean this glam girl will give partying a miss? We hope not!



What's fair, what's equal?

An English professor wrote, 'Woman without her man is nothing' and asked his students to punctuate it. The men wrote, 'Woman, without her man, is nothing!' And the women wrote, 'Woman! Without her, man is nothing!' Ooh! While such remarks are humorous indicators of the battle of the sexes, the battle is often fought on a minefield of explosive egos mainly triggered by a series of below the belt attacks.

There's no disputing that after centuries of oppression and role playing, women have emerged from the purdah and blasted through the glass ceiling as liberated, confident, dynamic and successful individuals.

Laws have been

put in place to protect women, uphold their rights and empower them but does women empowerment sanction male victimisation? Legally u/s 498A, no investigation or warrant is needed before arrest and start of proceedings since the crime is cognisable, and there is no punishment if the complaint is proved false, which are two major reasons why 498A is used as a pressure-tactic.

I think it totally inappropriate that when a man whistles at a woman it's termed "sexual harassment", but if a woman whistles at a man it's termed "women's liberation"! If we truly want equality, our laws must be fair and equal for both sexes.



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The only place girls will talk to strangers is on the internet. In India references are very important for friendships and relationships. Not many girls would be comfortable chatting with strangers. Why don't you start with asking your friends to set you up with their girlfriends' friends, or ask your family to introduce you to some family friends? And for heaven's sake Mr. Cave Man, force and aggression will only land you at a police station.

I fell for the right guy at the wrong time. He was already engaged. We became good friends and he was in touch with me through all his marriage ceremonies. Thereafter, he told me he doesn't share a husband-wife relationship with his spouse. He loves me a lot, and I trust him, but I'm confused about our future. Though I love him, I've tried to tell him to make his marriage work and that I would move on, but he doesn't agree.

— Heena

If what he is saying is true, then he has ruined his wife's life by cheating on her and giving her neither the love nor conjugal rights she deserves. I feel you are clearly blinded and being manipulated. He just wants to have his cake and eat it too. Remember that he got engaged and married by his own will. If you both truly believe it's a mistake, I suggest you both decide a time frame for him to exit his

It seems apparent he likes you immensely, but not in the manner you seek. Your actions have made your feelings clear and his inaction has made his clear. Enjoy the strong bond of friendship you both share and don't ruin it by expectations of reciprocity or jealousy.

— Ms Confused

I am in love with a guy who is 14 years older than me. My family did not agree to this marriage because of his age. I am 24 and he is 38. I do not want to go against my family. But I am not able to disconnect from him till now. He loves and understands me more than I love him. My parents are searching for a groom for me...

— Suneeta

My father is in love with Parveen who is 28 years his junior and they are in a serious committed relationship. Age is just a number. You enjoy a strong bond and are clearly in love, too. These are essential ingredients for a potential future. But if you're clear you don't want to go against your family I suggest you let go and set him free.

Ash's writes to Maanyata



Aishwarya Bachchan has always been politically correct. She is even more so now after she has become the Bachchan bahu say sources. It is said that Ash was in



Italy and couldn't be present for **Maanyata Dutt's** baby shower on September 14. However, Ash made it a point to write a personal letter to Maanyata congratulating her on her babies, and she also excused herself for not being present because she was overseas. It's these little things that Ash make her one of the most popular celebrities in Bollywood. We hear that Sanjay and Abhishek are good buddies.

'WRITE' WORDS: Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and (inset) Maanyata Dutt

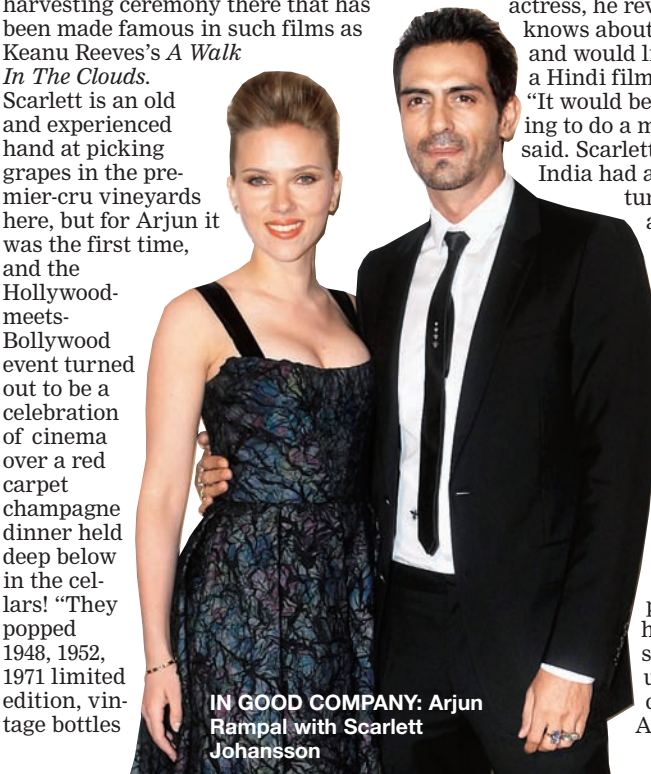
'Scarlett cracked me up a lot'

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They met at Epernay in France, home of Moët & Chandon — the champagne of cinema and movie stars, and participated in the grape harvesting ceremony there that has been made famous in such films as Keanu Reeves's *A Walk In The Clouds*. Scarlett is an old and experienced hand at picking grapes in the premier-cru vineyards here, but for Arjun it was the first time, and the Hollywood-meets-Bollywood event turned out to be a celebration of cinema over a red carpet champagne dinner held deep below in the cellars! "They popped 1948, 1952, 1971 limited edition, vintage bottles

in our honour," said Arjun.

Now back to Bollywood, where he's got Shah Rukh Khan's *Ra.One* to complete, Arjun Rampal's turned a champagne drinker and Scarlett Johansson fan. The Hollywood actress, he revealed, knows about Bollywood and would like to act in a Hindi film one day. "It would be interesting to do a merger," he said. Scarlett loved India had actually



IN GOOD COMPANY: Arjun Rampal with Scarlett Johansson

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What makes their marriage work?

Temptations and hectic lifestyles put marriages under stress. Top star couples in successful marriages tell Times Life how they walk the tightrope. Subhash K Jha reports

A veteran actor, who happens to be a master philanderer, has an astute definition of a successful Bollywood marriage. "A successful marriage is one where the couple has sex regularly, though not with each other. The star-wife must be willing to turn a blind eye to her husband's below-the-belt shenanigans, and the star-wife is free to do what she wants, with whoever she wishes."

Not all star-couples in Bollywood are as perfect as they appear to be on the surface. The most picture-perfect marriages of our movies have many creases underneath. In a world of illimitable chances for infidelity and promiscuity, marriages require hard work. Their marriages may not be made in heaven, but hell, some of them have worked to make them last!

The final word on making a marriage last has to come from the mega-star Amitabh Bachchan who has been married for 37 years. His formula for a successful marriage? "Just stay married!"



Surviving rumours: Akhay Kumar and Twinkle Khanna

My wife's my best friend: Akshay Kumar

Since their marriage in 2001, there have been murmurs and whispers. But Twinkle remains unfazed, as she knows that at the end of the day, her husband will come home only to her.

Says Akshay, "My wife Tina (Twinkle) and son Aarav, along with my mother, my sister and niece are the most important people in my life. My wife is my best friend. I lean on her completely for everything, from choosing my clothes to our vacation destination. I think one of the secret formulas of a successful marriage is taking vacations together. I make sure we go on at least two-three holidays per year. I don't party, socialise or spend time with producers and film people. After work, I head straight home. If there's time after shooting we go out for dinner or a spin. Otherwise, we are at home together just chilling. To me, my marriage is the most important part of life. I have no life without my wife and son."

He adds, "Tina and I are total opposites and that's the greatest attraction. Our individual weaknesses are each other's biggest strengths. We treat each other equally, giving great importance to each other's careers as well. We put family first and make each other feel like the most important person in the room, regardless of where we may be. You'll often find us together — Tina reading, Aarav drawing or playing video games, while I watch cricket."

Akshay's Tip: Make your spouse your friend!

(Inputs: Seema Sinha)



Hard work: Rishi and Neetu Kapoor

Rishi's lost without me: Neetu Kapoor

"What has kept my marriage going for 30 years is my faith in it. My husband may not be the perfect spouse, but he knows he is quite lost without me. We married when we were both young. I was very immature back then. I remember I was working with Mr Bachchan, when I blurted out to him, 'I love you'. He laughed and said I didn't know what I was saying. In hindsight, I realised it was true. I was so naïve. I just fell in love and wanted to spend my life with Chintu. I didn't know my real maturation would begin after marriage. It hasn't been easy. Of course, we've had our ups and downs. He might have had his little flings, but never any serious relationship other than me. The

strengthened me, prepared me for her marriage. When Ranbir left to study abroad, I didn't grieve that much. He asked me if I loved him less than his sister. But it wasn't that. It was just that I had become stronger. When Riddhima moved to Delhi after marriage, I was not that affected. We talk on the phone every day. But I keep a distance from her married life and advise my husband to do the same. Every phase in your marriage makes you wiser. Earlier, I was completely dependent on him. Today, he is more dependent on me. If I have to go out of town I can see the pain in his eyes.'

Neetu's Tip: Accept your man for what he is!

It's been a perfect dream: Saira Banu

In his 44-year-old marriage with yesteryears' beauty queen Saira Banu, the mighty thespian Dilip Kumar has strayed only once. This was in the early 1980s. Before their marriage there were innumerable link-ups with timeless beauties Madhubala, Waheeda Rehman and Vyjanthimala among others. The movie industry was shocked into silence when the 22-year-old beauty Saira Banu grabbed the privilege of marrying the mighty Yusuf Khan. In their long and scandal-free marriage, only once did the marriage hit shaky ground when Yusuf Saab was apparently "trapped" into marrying a fan named Asma. Saira bore the humiliation stoically. She knew her 'Saab' would come to his senses. He did.

Said Saira, "For me, it was always Saab, no one else. I was his fan from the time I can remember. While still a teenager, I wanted to be his wife. I am very headstrong and once I made up my mind, there was no stopping me. I knew many beautiful women wanted to marry Saab, but he chose me. It was my dream come true and that's what my marriage has been — a perfect dream. Looking after Saab, his life and his home now comes naturally to me. Saab never asked



Celebrating 44 years: Saira Banu and Dilip Kumar

me to give up my career. In fact, he encouraged me to continue after marriage. But, after a while, my heart was not in my career. I just wanted to take care of Saab. Our marriage is the most important thing in my life. I don't miss having a child because Saab is like a child at heart."

Saira's Tip: Make your marriage a priority!

Mehr & I are not bored: Arjun Rampal

When one of the ramp's most eligible hunks married the older supermodel Mehr Jessica eyebrows were raised. No one thought the marriage would last. Today, two daughters later, Arjun smiles proudly at the family portrait.

"I dote on the three beautiful ladies in my life. Mehr and I have been married for 12 years. People ask me how our marriage has lasted this long. I come from a broken home and I know what it does to the kids. When in my latest film *We Are Family* I had to play a husband who has left his wife and children for another woman, I had to dig really deep into the darkest regions of my psyche. Leaving my family is an option I would never exercise. Anyway, never say never. You don't know what's going to happen in the future. You've to focus on keeping the marriage going. You have to be aware constantly about what you've got at home and how special it is. Mehr and I are very close. There's a lot of stability in my life because of her and a lot of happiness. We don't get bored with one another. People who stray from their marriage do so out of a sense of boredom and insecurity. Mehr and I are a victim of neither."

Arjun's Tip: Stay connected, enjoy each other's company!



Model couple: Arjun Rampal and Mehr Jessica

Don't carry grudges: Vikram

Tamil superstar Vikram has been married to Shylaja for 18 years. Says Vikram, "When your wife becomes your best friend, marriage is a fun trip all the way. It's not like we don't have our share of fights. We squabble almost every day, but we are soon laughing and teasing each other about it. I think a successful marriage is all about respecting one another, understanding each other's idiosyncracies and giving one another space. It's also about trying to change, mould and bend a bit to accommodate your partner. At home, I'm just a normal Dad and husband. Bonding with the children is, I think, an important part of a successful marriage. An unknown recipe for a successful marriage recommends that you don't carry your grudges and differences over from one day to the next. That's a little difficult sometimes. I do sort out our differences, but thanks to feminine stubbornness, it sometimes takes a couple of days to get things back to normal mode. Oops, why do I feel the last thing I said will start a tiff at home? Temptation? Ah, it's all about not getting caught...by temptation. Gochta! Just knowing what you're going to lose (and it's not just peace of mind) is a very sobering thought."

Vikram's Tip: Squabble, but laugh it off!



Say no to temptation: Vikram

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Was Gabriel's love for real?

YEARS ago on a flight back from Vienna to Delhi, I sat next to a middle-aged Austrian lady with a handicap. She walked with the help of crutches — a twisted gait that looked painful but determined. However, this lady in the seat next to mine was chirpy, full of beans and in a mood to share confidences. Normally, on long flights I like to disappear within myself, watch movies, read and reflect. I jealously guard this “me-time” and am a most asocial co-traveller.

But Gabriel, as she introduced herself, was determined and slowly she got me interested. I postponed my Viennese reverie with a sigh and gave myself up to Gabriel's incessant chatter. It turned out she was a small-time employee with a firm and lived all by herself in a tiny apartment in Vienna. With no real friends, Gabriel lived a spartan, lonely and very independent existence. However, she scrimped and saved all through the year for her one passion — a yearly holiday to India.

It was like the entire year was a preparation for this one event when she would pack her bags and take off to the land of her dreams. She saved enough for her trip, a few gifts and some travel within India. Her destination was Kerala, where she had been three times already and hoped to go many, many more times. Waiting for her at the airport would be Govind, a man 15 years her junior, as black as she was white, sturdy of body and carriage

and probably awaiting her as eagerly as she looked forward to meeting him. He was her tourist guide, as poor as they come and happy to have a regular customer who gave him not just money but gifts to boot along with a whole load of love and attention.

Gabriel spoke of Govind in glowing terms, highlighting his youth and strength, the limitations his poverty imposed on him and of all the words of love he ever spoke to her. “He said he loves me,” she confided with a happy smile and dreams in her eyes. “This time we will travel together to Bombay and Goa and I am really looking forward to that.” Gabriel could barely sit still in her seat, squirming with excitement and impatience, so restless was she to reach Govind.

She seemed to want to talk about every moment spent with him, every gift she ever gave him and his response to it, every emotion he ever shared with her — to me, a total stranger! I let her talk on. “Last time I took him a small music player and wristwatch. This year I am taking him a camera. I cannot wait to watch his face when he sees it. He will be so happy. This time he will take me to meet his family.”

Were they intimate? If you had seen Gabriel as she spoke, the question would be redundant. She oozed passion, delight and a restless yearning from every pore. Of course they were. She had committed to memory every

Sometimes we choose to live in a bubble that we hesitate to prick. Who knows if this illusion is what makes life worth living?



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was the monthly rendezvous an organisation planned for the physically challenged once in a while?

Sometime or the other we all live in a bubble we build around ourselves; most times we know that's exactly what it is and yet are not willing to prick it from within, nor appreciate someone bursting it from outside. Maybe at that point that's what we need to do to make life worth living, to heal ourselves as we absorb life's reality in a protected environment. Who knows, maybe that bubble was the only thing that kept Gabriel from giving in to depression, or worse? At least I was not willing to take that risk.

I do not know whether Govind valued Gabriel's love as much as he did her money and gifts: I certainly hope and pray so. But for Gabriel, he was the centre of her existence, the reason to travel half way across the world each year and clearly the one factor that helped her live through the loneliness and struggle of her existence.

That was many years ago; it is unlikely they

still continue as they were, but then, who knows? All I know is that year's tryst was a success. I had been worrying about Gabriel and wondering what happened when I received a phone call

from her on her way back to Austria. She was sounding ecstatic and declared she had the time of her life in Goa with her dear Govind.

She wrote to me couple of times later, but then we lost touch. I shifted house and this was before the world became email and cell phone-friendly. So we lost each other's residential addresses and landline numbers. And that was it.

It's been some time, and I had all but forgotten this incident. This morning, I woke up thinking about her. I wonder why....

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“BUT FOR GABRIEL, HE WAS THE CENTRE OF HER EXISTENCE, THE REASON TO TRAVEL HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD EACH YEAR”

'An energy guides us'

You find God in...

“In every moment of life there is God. In a child's smile, in people walking on the streets — just everywhere, only you should be able to read the signs.”

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How do you connect to God?

“Through prayers and gratitude...in saying a simple ‘thank you’.”

Karma & kismet to you are...

“I believe in past life karma, and feel we come into this world for a reason. Our lives are pre-ordained, and there is an energy that guides us, protects us and takes us on our path.”

True contentment lies in...

“I haven't found true contentment yet, and hope I never will. I am not a ‘this is it’ person, and intend to continue on my life's search. The beauty of life is its newness. But I do feel content at the thought of an angel watching over us.”

(As told to Anwesha Mittra)
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God, I'm not coming to you!

Actor, filmmaker Sanjay Khan revisits the time he survived near fatal burns to emerge stronger and more positive

ON the 8th of February, 1988, I was sitting outside the studio in Mysore where *The Sword of Tipu Sultan* was being shot. I heard commotion and rushed inside to see a huge fire raging on the sets. As I gave instructions to people, a huge cannon ball of fire hit the back of my head. I had a hole in my head for almost 10 months.

While I was being taken to the hospital, I willed myself. “Oh God, my time has not come. I am not coming to you.” There on, it was mind over matter. I was like a mummy with bandages from head to toe and was in coma for about two months. When I emerged from the coma, I was struck with septicemia (blood poisoning). My hands were to be amputated. I went through 72 surgeries. My chances of survival were zero, in fact “minus 15”, according to the doctors.

If you have the will and courage, you can survive a situation like this. I would dictate notes to my nurse about my dreams and future plans while in the hospital. It kept me sane. I would gaze outside the hospital window and felt determined to fly out. My message to all those in such situations is to not lose heart as long as you are breathing. We often underestimate our mind and our will-power. The doctors and plastic surgeons in the US called me miracle man.

This miraculous escape, of surviving 65 per cent third degree burns, has brought tremendous compassion into my life. It has curbed my negative ego, materialism and today, I cannot hate even my worst enemies. I value life, simple day-to-day living with family and friends, having meals together, looking at beautiful sites and at people around.

Survivor Tales

There's an invisible line between life and death. When my heart stopped beating thrice during three different operations, I didn't know where I was. This accident has given me a new dimension towards life, a sense of responsibility towards humankind. I have to help people; it's a compulsion, an obligation. God has tried

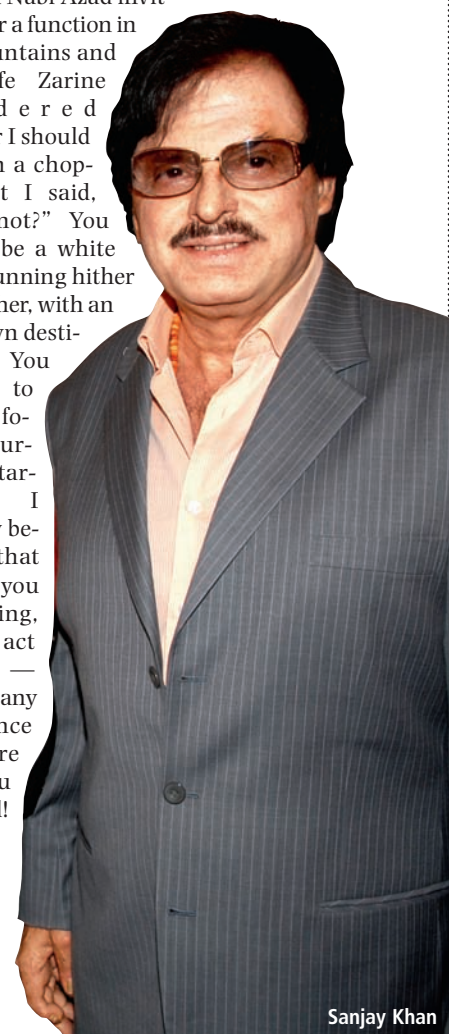
and tested me. I have been sent back for a purpose. When I was being taken for my hand surgery, my spirit was low. “Is this the end? Should I live or give up?” I wondered. And when I looked around, I saw an American black lady with both her hands and legs cut half. She looked like a stump with an expressionless but sad face. God had shown me the way. I shouldn't be complaining. The famous saying was relevant at this point of time — “I cried because I didn't have shoes till I saw a man with no feet.”

How fortunate can I be? I enjoy my family — I have eight grandchildren. My children get inspiration from me. My son-in-law Hrithik Roshan is very fond of me, he calls me Tiger and my other son-in-law calls me Don. I was a very satisfied man when I was an actor; success came to me quickly. I was not a principal star those days, but most of my films were hits and I had signed many with all the top heroines. But success never went to my head. I could never relate to my star status when people would gather around my car and stare at me in Bangalore's crowded Commercial Market when my first few films released.

After this near fatal accident, I don't fear anything. Seven years ago, I was flying in a helicopter from Hubli to Balkot with Vijay Mallya. We were almost 800 feet high and were about to start ascending when there was a scare due to inclement weather, and Mallya began panick-

ing. Suddenly, there was a shudder. At that point of time, I swear on God, I had not an iota of fear over death.

Later, when I went to Kashmir, my friend Ghulam Nabi Azad invited me for a function in the mountains and my wife Zarine wondered whether I should travel in a chopper. But I said, “Why not?” You cannot be a white rabbit running hither and thither, with an unknown destination. You have to have a focus, a purpose, a target. I strongly believe that when you are living, don't act dead — LIVE! In any case, once you are dead, you are dead! (As told to Seema Sinha) seema.sinha@timesgroup.com



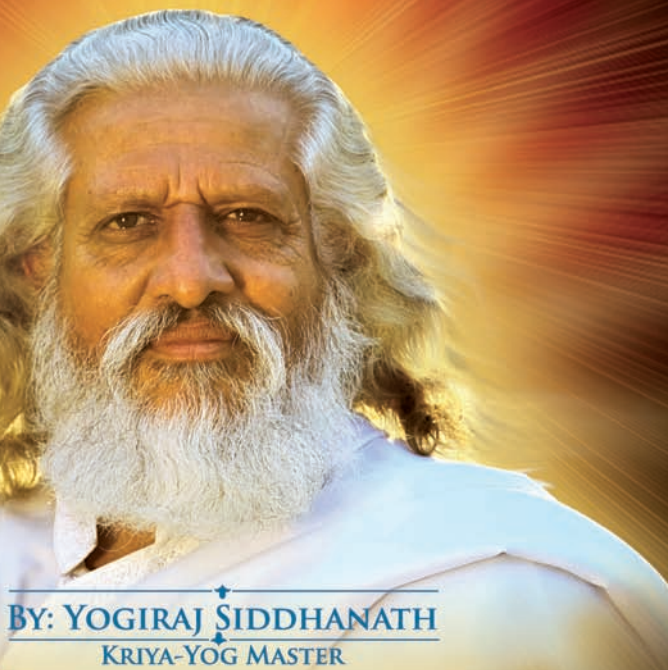
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MY FAVOURITE DISH | “I can't resist spicy chilly chicken. I enjoy it with both fried rice and noodles. But when I'm very hungry, I relish it as a starter too.”

I LIKE TO EAT AT | “I hardly get disappointed with Chinese restaurants. I love China Gate in Bandra. I'm rather choosy about other cuisines as I have to be careful about the spices they use.”

BEST MEAL I'VE EVER HAD | “It would have to be the fusion Japanese sushi I had on a recent trip to the US. It was splendid and since I am a Bengali, I anyway love fish, but this was really done well.”

MY FAVOURED CUISINE | “Currently, it's Chinese, because it's light, unlike Indian food which makes you feel stuffed.”

MY NON-FOOD PASSIONS | “I can't stop shopping. I really feel good after a shopping spree. But mostly I love shopping in London or New York.”

MY FAVOURITE RECIPE | “Fish curry.”

(As told to Raveet Kaur)



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Tanushree's Fish Curry

INGREDIENTS | Fish (washed and sliced): 250 gms | Coriander leaves (chopped): 1 cup | Tomatoes (finely chopped): 2 | Garlic: 8 cloves | Green chillies (chopped): 2 | Methi seeds: 1 tsp | Coriander powder: 1 tsp | Turmeric powder: a pinch | Salt to taste | Oil as required.

METHOD | Marinate the fish in salt and turmeric powder for 15 minutes.

1 Shallow fry the fish pieces, drain and keep aside.

2 Grind the coriander leaves, garlic and green chillies.

3 Heat oil, add masala paste and fry till the oil separates out.

4 Add tomatoes, methi seeds and powder masalas and fry till the oil begins to float on top.

5 Add about 1 cup water. Bring the gravy to a boil.

6 Add the fish slices and cook for 10 minutes.

7 Serve fish curry hot.

(Chef Sahil Arora of Courtyard by Marriott, Gurgaon, serves Tanushree's Fish curry)



From Mehbooba to Munni...

ONE song that Lata Mangeshkar is still questioned about is *Jagee Badan Mein Jwala Saiyya Tu Ne Kya Kar Dala* filmed on a young J Jayalalitha in the 1968 Dharmendra-Tanuja starrer *Izzat*. Why did she sing that overtly raunchy number? Lata, a naïve youngster then, could not understand the hidden meaning behind those lyrics, beautifully veiled in Sahir Ludhianvi's poetry!

Filmi songs haven't changed much since then! From the dangerously suggestive *Husn Ke Lakhon Rang* in *Johnny Mera Naam* in the 60s and Khalnayak's *Choli Ke Peeche* in the 90s to the current rage *Munni Badnaam Hui* from *Dabangg*, each era has had its fair share of 'seductive' songs with a lot to read between the lines!

Alam Ara not only heralded a new era in Indian motion pictures, it was also the starting point for the Indian film song. Between 1931 and 1940, India produced 931 Hindi feature films with an average of 10 songs per films. But saucy numbers had to bide their time!

Here's tracking down memory lane...

The 'talking' 30s

An interesting period, it did not favour "playback" singers. Many actors and actresses sang their own songs. Actors like Ashok Kumar, Bal Gandharva and Baburao Pendharkar were chosen specifically for their singing abilities! Najma Merchant, senior consultant at Sa Re Ga Ma, observes, "Devika Rani and Himanshu Rai may have rocked the nation with a steaming kiss, but the songs by Noorjehan, Ghulam Haider, Pankaj Mullick and Anil Biswas concentrated on melody, orchestration, singing style and ability."

As actress Zubeida created a sensation in her film *Zarina* with her scanty attire and kissing scenes, *Dil Me Tu, Aankhon Me Tu, Saason Me Tu* in the 1939 hit *Pukaar* became the penultimate "physical" song of that time.

Kundanlal Sehgal was just warming up!

The patriotic 40s

The 40s were so very happening! The Quit India movement inspired a spate of patriotic songs. Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated. Subash Chandra Bose died in a plane crash. India got its first Miss India Pramila Esther Abraham in 1947, and the world was introduced to a strange thing called the bikini...yet, the libido remained low as reflected in *filmi* lyrics. The flavour of the season was that of sacrifice and melancholic fervour. *Filmi* lyrics didn't come remotely close to double entendre!

The nation was still in the thrall of K L Saigal's theatrical and Sufiana singing, when a daring Geeta Dutt rocked the boat by singing Udhhar tum hasen ho, idhar dil jawaan hain, ye rangeen raaton ki ek daastaan hain... ke khud raat angadaeeyaan le rahee hain jidhar dekhatee hoon, najaaraa jawaan hain in *Mr. & Mrs. 55*. Shamshad Begum did her bit by singing *Kahin pe nigahein, kahin pe nishana* in *CID*.

Aaj sanam mohe ang lagalo by Geeta Dutt in *Pyasa* was pictured as a devotional song, but for many, there was much more to it! Similarly, mischief-makers misconstrued the first word of *Barsaat's* *Chod gaye hai balam, akela chod gaye!*

Music composer Shameer Tandon comments, "The era saw the birth of the suggestive number. The lyrics had a generous sprinkling of Urdu, a language which can be played with." The 1958 hit *Madhumati* might be labelled as the stepping stone for earthy folk numbers with the super hit *Chadh gayo papi bichua*.

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From *Reshmi ujala hai, makhmali andhera; Kar-vate badalte rahe saari raat hum and Bahon mein chale aao, hum se sanam kya parda to Aao na gale lagao na, lagee bujhao na*; the female voice got bolder and stronger. The men retaliated with sexually laden *Roop tera mastana...*

Raunchy lyrics got a lift with *Mungda Mungda* in the 1977 film *Inkaar*. Sensuality peaked with the

Munni badnaam hui is the latest in a series of raunchy Bollywood offerings. Indrani Rajkhowa Banerjee goes on a lyrical journey



Helen in *Mungda Mungda*

"THERE'S A THIN LINE BETWEEN EROTICA AND VULGARITY; THOSE WERE TIMES WHEN LYRICISTS DRESSED BELOW-THE-BELT LINES WITH SOPHISTICATION"

Bheegi Bheegi raaton mein, meethi meethi baaton mein, aisa lagta hai number from 1974's *Ajnabi*.

The disco 80s, jhatka-matka 90s

After the peak, the nadir! Most observers of Hindi cinema collectively agree that the 80s were a disappointment. Says Najma Merchant, "Creativity was low in all aspects of movie-making. The disco genre had crept in and loud noise replaced melody."

Maybe it was the lull of the 80s that prompted a Subhash Ghai to launch a tirade of bawdy songs which simply broke all norms of metre, prose, poetry, *tehzeeb* and *ada* long revered by the *filmi* lyricist!

Choli ke peeche had the radicals up in arms in a way long forgotten since the Devika Rani kiss! Then came *Dhak dhak karne laga* with a heavily heaving Madhuri Dixit. *Sharm aur haya* went out of the window with *Sarkai lo khatiya jada lage, Le papiyan Japi-an paalein hum, Mein laila laila chillaunga kurti phaad ke, Chad gaya upar re atariya se lotan kabootar re, Meri pant bhi sexy meri shirt bhi*



Malaika in *Munni badnaam hui*

The golden 50s

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sexy, Tu cheez badi hai mast mast... the list is endless.

Where exactly did the appeal lie? The front-benchers lapped it up with wolf whistles and catcalls, the cynics sniggered. Veteran writer and lyricist Gulzar had said, "Film lyrics have always reflected the society and the events of the time in which they were written. Filmmakers, singers and music composers without doubt affect the quality of films in a particular era."



Madhuri in *Choli Ke Peeche*

came the decade's biggest invention!

Though there are exceptions like *Gulzaar's* *Namak ishq ka* and *Beedi jalai le*, most raunchy numbers today are just that — raunchy, minus the shelf-life of their predecessors.

Says Raheja, "Today, lyrics are racy, raunchy, playful and direct, just like the times we live in." Sample this from the recent blockbuster *Housefull*: *Haule haule dheere dheere aana meri baahon mein aa jana, Pyaasi pyaasi (o yes) marr jayungi, aise mujhe aise tadpa na, Na kar na kar zara bhi fikar, Mila mila nazar se nazar, Aaja tuihe heaven dikhaungi.*

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Private Collections

Museums are going beyond antiques, as individual collectors throw open doors to contemporary art. Nona Walia reports

THERE'S a firestorm in the cultural art world, as rich collectors build their own private museums to showcase collections and initiate a cultural dialogue.

Museums today are being looked upon as spaces that interact with the present, rather than as storing antiquities from the past. No more stuffy places where you step in fear, the musty spaces have given way to light and laughter and conversation.

Art lovers like Kiran Nadar, Ebrahim Alkazi, Rajshree Pathy

present rather than the past. I've been collecting artwork for 30 years; Hussain, Raza and Kallat are part of my collection, which I want to share with the world."

The inspiration behind private museums is simple: Why should modern masterpieces be locked away behind closed doors? That's the reason Kiran, wife of HCL head Shiv Nadar, decided to share her private collection by opening Kiran Nadar Museum of Art. Says Kiran, "It's natural that a private collection should be shared with the public to start a

Museum says. "Museums are not mere repositories of art objects or sites of display but can be mobilised for cultural empowerment."

A new aesthetic is evolving as a result of the art and cultural experimentation, and open-minded-



Sharing her art: Kiran Nadar

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ness of private museums. Says Anupam Poddar, whose museum Devi Art Foundation showcases contemporary art along with folk and tribal art, "I felt government-run public institutions are not taking an active interest in contemporary art. I was keen on creating a discourse around contemporary art."

Theatre veteran Ebrahim

Alkazi began collecting art and photographs almost 40 years ago. Says Alkazi, "I would often walk around Chor Bazaar in Mumbai to research for my plays and come back with rare photographs. Today, The Alkazi Collection has some rare 18th and 19th century masterpieces. Hussain and Tyeb Mehta designed the sets for my plays, and would then gift their

pieces to me." Alkazi's grandson Rahaab Allana manages the priceless collection at the museum. Says Rahaab, "Our recent acquisitions are the rare photographs of India's first female photojournalist Homai Vyarawalla. The challenge is to manage the collection."

Reportedly, Neville Tuli collected Marlon Brando's letters to keep in the museum he plans to open. Anokhi Museum of hand printing in Jaipur has been set up by Pramod Kumar K G, whose company manages private museums. Says Pramod Kumar K G, "Museums aren't spaces anymore that just preserve the old. We don't

need to appreciate everything that's behind a glass and antiquated. Visual fatigue in a museum can be high."

What inspired O P Jain to start the Sanskriti Museum was his love for craftsmanship. "I would go hunting in kabadi shops, I found some rare pieces," says Jain.

There can be a museum for everyone in the contemporary world. A cartoonist can have his personal museum and so can a musician, and these could be interactive. Says Tanishka Kachru, who teaches Exhibitions and Museology in NID, Ahmedabad, "Museums aren't storehouses of antiquities, but they are a valuable resource for the community at large. It's about sharing your knowledge, and cultural understanding."

Are you ready to create a new cultural legacy, privately?

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One with the world: Rajshree Pathy

Living in the present: Anupam Poddar

and others are pioneering the trend for private museums. Entrepreneur Pathy is also opening a private art museum. Says sugar baroness and industrialist Rajshree, "Private museums are dynamic, not intimidating; they deal with the

dialogue. This brings visibility and appreciation to art." Roobina Karode, director of the Kiran Nadar

Fun Doctors!

WHEN UK's Bedfordshire University awarded actor Shah Rukh Khan an honorary doctorate, his former friend-turned-foe Salman Khan quipped, "Arre iss doctor ke paas patients bhejo aur ilaaj karao," (Send patients to this doctor)." Well, Shah Rukh isn't the only doctor-entertainer around. Yash Chopra, Amitabh Bachchan, Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi, Akshay Kumar and even Shilpa Shetty have all been conferred honorary doctorates. Recently, Rishi Kapoor was honoured with a knighthood from Russia.

However, it's less academics and more economics that makes for such news. Sachin Tendulkar recently made a charming photo-op dressed in the Indian Air Force uniform as he was made honorary Group Captain. He would function as the Forces' brand ambassador, said a spokesperson. But, couldn't he have done that without being made Group Captain?

It's also a way to get a celebrity brand endorsement cheap.

Says adman Santosh Desai, "A celebrity gets associated with a cause without having to be paid. It's a win-win situation for both. If done meaningfully, it goes beyond crude commercial benefits. However, it does become a joke at times."

Columnist Prithvi Nandy believes we must clear our perceptions about a brand ambassador, just like for a cola or any other brand? Is-

who deserves what and why. "The idea of giving a Bharat Ratna to Sachin (as recommended by the Maharashtra government), however great his sporting achievements may be, is not right. The Bharat Ratna is meant for people

who have improved the life of millions, contributed to the making of a nation. Doctorates too are meant for great achievers, not entertainers."

It belittles the effort and accomplishment of others who worked hard for the same academic honour. It's not fair for doctorates to be doled out to stars who may have excelled, but certainly not in academics, says Iti Dandona, assistant professor in Delhi's Shivaji College. She says, "It takes three to five years of research to get a doctorate."

Debraj Mookerjee, associate profes-

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sor, Ramjas College, believes there's a "brand connect" with Sachin. "It's a token acknowledgement. This is about promoting the IAF and not Sachin." He adds, "As long as Shilpa Shetty doesn't stop dancing and start teaching, all is well!"

Writer and columnist Shobhaa De says, "If Sachin's star power can motivate the youth to enlist in the Air Force, then his honorary title of a Group Captain would be entirely justified."

Why not just make the celebrity a brand ambassador, just like for a cola or any other brand? Is-



Charming photo-ops: SRK and Shilpa



n't it time we decided to reserve awards for the fields they are meant for, like the Oscars for good cinema? Explains J A K Tareen, vice-chancellor of Pondicherry University, which conferred a doctorate on Javed Akhtar. "It is the tradition in

universities to recognise outstanding personalities in several walks of life—people who have made significant contribution in their field and which has impacted society in a substantive manner. Like we have honoured Somnath Chatterjee and Annadurai."

When chess legend Vishwanathan Anand declined his doctorate from the University of Hyderabad after his nationality was questioned, he wasn't missing much. After all, isn't being Anand good enough?

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Honorary titles are being handed out to everybody, from Sachin Tendulkar to Shah Rukh Khan, Akshay Kumar and Shilpa Shetty. Anuradha Varma explores the trend

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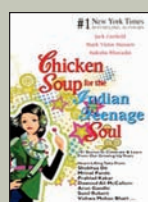
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